

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 243 — Vital Statistics

by Health Quality Subcommittee and Rep. Roberson and others (CS/CS/SB 640 by Fiscal Policy Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Detert)

The bill amends several sections of ch. 382, F.S., to facilitate the electronic generation and filing of burial-transit permits and death certificates with the Department of Health through the electronic death registration system (EDRS).

The bill defines “burial transit permit” and specifies that a funeral director must provide a burial-transit permit generated electronically from the EDRS, or a manually produced permit, to the person in charge of the place of final disposition. The bill allows subregistrars to produce and maintain burial transit permits, rather than only receive such permits, and makes the subregistrar responsible for producing and maintaining manually filed paper death records.

The bill allows death certificates and fetal death certificates to be filed electronically with the Department of Health (DOH) on the EDRS and eliminates language allowing the recording of aliases on the back of a death certificate. The bill also requires the DOH to make arrangements with the United States Social Security Administration for the electronic notification of deaths and clarifies that the personal information for the decedent on the death certificate may be provided by persons listed in s. 497.005, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 115-0