

## CHAPTER 168.

[H. B. 314.]

## VITAL STATISTICS.

AN ACT relating to the system of registration and the method of reporting births and deaths, the issuance of permits for burial, removal, or transportation of bodies of deceased persons, prescribing certain rules of evidence, and amending sections 6023 and 6037 of Remington's Revised Statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That section 6023 of Remington's Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 6023. The certificate of death shall contain the following items: [(1)] Place of death; including state, county, township or town, village or city. If in a city, the ward, street and house number. If in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same to be given instead of the street and house number. If in an industrial camp, the name to be given. (2) Full name of decedent. If an unnamed child, the surname preceded by "unnamed." (3) Sex. (4) Color or race; as white, black (negro or negro descent), Indian, Chinese, Japanese or other. (5) Conjugal condition; as single, married, widowed or divorced. (6) Date of birth, including the year, month and day. (7) Age, in years, months and days. (8) Place of birth, state or foreign country. (9) Name of father. (10) Birthplace of father, state or foreign country. (11) Maiden name of mother. (12) Birthplace of mother, state or foreign country. (13) Occupation. The occupation to be reported of any person who had any remunerative employment, women as well as men. (14) Signature and address of informer. (15) Date of death, including the year, month and day. (16) Statement of medical attendance on decedent, fact and time of death, including the last time seen alive. (17) Cause of death,

Amends  
§ 6023, Rem.  
Rev. Stat.  
(§ 5311, P. C.)

Certificate  
of death,  
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including the primary and immediate causes and contributory causes or complications, if any, and duration of each. (18) Signature and address of physician or official making the medical certificate. (19) Special information concerning deaths in hospitals and institutions, and of persons dying away from home, including the former or usual residence, length of time, and place of death, and place where the disease was contracted. (20) Place of burial or removal. (21) Date of burial or removal. (22) Signature and address of undertaker. (23) Official signature of registrar, with date when certificate was filed, and registered number. (24) Whether or not the decedent was ever a member of the army, navy or marine corps of the United States; the name of the organization in which such service was rendered, the rank and the period of service.

The personal and statistical particulars (items 1 to 13) shall be authenticated by the signature of the informer, who may be any competent person acquainted with the facts.

The statement of facts relating to the disposition of the body shall be signed by the undertaker or person acting as such.

The medical certificate shall be made and signed by the physician, if any, last in attendance on the deceased, who shall specify the time in attendance, the time he last saw the deceased alive, and the hour of the day at which death occurred. And he shall further state the cause of death, so as to show the course of disease or sequence of causes resulting in death, giving the primary and immediate causes, and also the contributory causes, if any, and the duration of each. Indefinite and unsatisfactory terms, indicating only symptoms of disease or conditions resulting from disease, will not be held as sufficient for issuing a burial or removal permit; and any certificate containing only such terms as defined by the state

registrar as indefinite and unsatisfactory shall be returned to the physician for correction and definition. Causes of death, which may be the result of either disease or violence, shall be carefully defined; and if from violence, its nature shall be stated, and whether accidental, suicidal or homicidal, and in case of death in hospitals, institutions, or away from home, the physician shall furnish the information required under this head (item 19), and shall state where, in his opinion, the disease was contracted.

Amends  
§ 6037, Rem.  
Rev. Stat.  
(§ 5324, P. C.)

SEC. 2. That section 6037 of Remington's Revised Statutes, be amended to read as follows:

Certified  
copies of  
records and  
searches,  
fees for.

Section 6037. It shall be the duty of the state registrar to, upon request, furnish any applicant with a certified copy of the record of any birth or death, registered under the provisions of this act, for the making and certification of which he shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents (50c) to be paid by the applicant: *Provided*, That no fees shall be demanded or required for furnishing certified copy, or copies, of birth or death to any veteral [veteran] of the World War, or Spanish-American War, or dependent mother or father for use in connection with a claim for compensation or pension pending before the Veterans' Administration. For any search of the files and the records when no certified copy is made, the state registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents (50c) for each hour or fractional part of an hour employed in such search, to be paid by the applicant. But the state registrar and all local registrars shall furnish upon application certificates of the age of children to be used in attending the public schools or in obtaining employment permits without fee or compensation. The state registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees received by him under the provisions of this act, and turn the same over to the state treasurer on the first day of January, April, July and October. Local registrars

in cities of the first, second and third class shall be entitled to charge for certified copies of records of births and deaths and for searching of records when no certified copy is made, the same fee as hereinabove provided for the state registrar, but such fees, if any collected, shall be paid into the treasury of the city where collected.

Passed the House February 16, 1937.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1937.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1937.

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## CHAPTER 169.

[S. H. B. 430.]

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES.

AN ACT relating to public service companies, providing for additional supervision and regulation thereof, amending section 6 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1911, and amending section 82 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1911 as amended by chapter 133 of the Session Laws of 1915 as amended by section 3 of chapter 165 of the Laws of 1933, and section 86 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1911, and section 13 of chapter 165 of the Laws of 1933, adding two new sections to chapter 117 of the Laws of 1911 to be known as sections 98-1 and 25-b which provide additional penalties for public service companies and their officers, agents and employees, and shippers, and repealing sections 4 and 7 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1911 and section 2 of chapter 248 of the Laws of 1927, and declaring that this act shall take effect April 1, 1937.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That section 6 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1911 (section 10342 Remington's Revised Statutes) be amended to read as follows:

Amends  
§ 10342, Rem.  
Rev. Stat.  
(§ 5533, P. C.)

Section 6. All proceedings of the department, and all documents and records in its possession, shall be public records, and it shall adopt and use an

Public  
records.

Official seal.