

New Law Allows Individuals to Copy Ohio Vital Records

A line item in HB 64 recently signed by Governor Kasich reads: "Sec. 3705.231. A local registrar shall allow an individual to photograph or otherwise copy a birth or death record."

If an individual has a camera or iPhone with which to take a picture, he or she should be able to get a non-certified copy of an Ohio Birth or Death Certificate from a city or county health department free of charge after October 1, 2015. Hand held scanners and wands may be used at the discretion of the local registrar. Ohio birth records after 1908 are available at any county registrar's office. Ohio death records after 1908 are not centralized at this time and are available at the county level only.

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