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## S.F. No. 1535 – Access to Certified Birth and Death Records Modified

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Under current law, certified birth and death records are issued by the state registrar at the Department of Health and by local issuance offices only to persons listed in statute. **S.F. 1535** removes a requirement that an individual requesting a certified record has a tangible interest in the record and removes language defining tangible interest. Instead, the bill lists individuals who may obtain a certified record without reference to a tangible interest.

This bill removes the party responsible for filing the record from the list of individuals who may obtain a certified record. Persons responsible for filing vital records include hospitals or other facilities where births occur; a physician, family member, or other persons present at a birth for births outside a facility; and persons in charge of disposition of dead human bodies.

Under current law, any attorney may obtain a certified record. This bill limits the authority to obtain a record to only an attorney who represents the subject of the record or another individual otherwise authorized in **clause (1)** to obtain a certified record.