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**AB-1152 Vital records.** (2019-2020)

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**Assembly Bill No. 1152**

**CHAPTER 188**

An act to amend Section 102365 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to vital records.

[ Approved by Governor August 30, 2019. Filed with Secretary of State August 30, 2019. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1152, Holden. Vital records.

Existing law prescribes the duties of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics (State Registrar) and local registrars of births and deaths with respect to the registration of certificates of live birth, fetal death, or death, and marriage licenses. Existing law requires each local registrar of births and deaths to transmit a copy of each original birth certificate and death certificate to the county recorder for the special county record, and, at the same time, forward the original certificates to the State Registrar. Existing law requires a local registrar of births and deaths, after 2 years from the date of registration and with the approval of, and under the supervision of, the State Registrar, to dispose of the local registrar's copies of the records, under specified conditions.

This bill would permit a local health jurisdiction that exclusively serves cities to issue a record older than 2 years if the record is the most accurate record on file.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 102365 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

**102365.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a local registrar of births and deaths, after two years from the date of registration and with the approval of, and under the supervision of, the State Registrar, shall dispose of the local registrar's copies of the records, if both of the following exist:

- (1) The original copies of the records are on file in the office of the State Registrar.
- (2) Copies of the records are on file in the office of the county recorder. If the county recorder does not have copies of the records, the county recorder may accept the State Registrar's copies as a special county record of the events.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a local health jurisdiction that exclusively serves cities may issue a record older than two years if the record issued is the most accurate record on file with the State of California.