



--The executor or administrator of the decedent's estate, or an attorney representing the executor or administrator.

--An agent of the decedent when the decedent had been the principal under a power of attorney created under law not modified by the bill.

--The adult, or any adult in a group of adults, serving as the representative or successor representative under a written declaration executed by the decedent.

--A licensed funeral director, or an employee or agent of that individual, who requests a certified copy of the death certificate on the behalf of a person specified above who is not a law enforcement official or prosecutor.

--Another person not specified above who is authorized by law to act on the behalf of the decedent or the decedent's estate.

This bill may result in minimal increases in staff and administrative costs for the Ohio Department of Health in order to verify, to its satisfaction, the identity of individuals requesting death certificates with the decedent's Social Security number and to remove Social Security numbers from death certificates if needed. This bill may also result in minimal increases in administrative costs for local registrars responsible for maintaining vital records in order to verify, to their satisfaction, the identity of individuals requesting death certificates with the decedent's Social Security number. It is likely that these minimal cost increases would be absorbed within existing Department of Health and local resources.