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Summary SB 361 PN 342

This bill amends the Vital Statistics Law of 1953 regarding disclosure of records. These documents shall be considered public records 100 years from the date of birth or 50 years from the date of death. The State Archives shall maintain original birth records after 100 years and death records after 50 years.

Effective Date

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

Background

Current law prohibits the release of vital records information regardless of the age of the documents. Access is restricted to immediate family members only.