

Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association



February 28, 2024

Honorable Representative Evan P. Shanley, Chair
House State Government and Elections Committee
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support of House Bill 7663 Relating to Health and Safety

Dear Representative Shanley,

As President of the Rhode Island Town & City Clerk's Association, I would like to inform you that the Association voted unanimously at its quarterly meeting on Friday, January 6, 2024 to request legislation be proposed amending Sections 23-3-5.1 and 23-3-24 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-3 entitled "Vital Records". The Association is still in support of this bill. This amendment would require that prior to transferring vital records to the State Archives, the Division of Vital Records shall ensure that the records are accessible to the local registrars for the purpose of issuance of accurate records to the public as authorized by law.

Respectfully,

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