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Nevada's Office of Vital Records Announces Regulation Changes

Carson City – The Office of Vital Records (OVR) has recently implemented changes to improve the process for Nevada residents to request alterations or corrections of a birth or death certificate using an affidavit and supplementary affidavit.

Jason Lewis, OVR Manager explained, “Some changes to a birth or death certificate require a court order, such as changing a name on a birth or death certificate. The most notable change to the newly approved regulations now allows for an affidavit along with a supplementary affidavit or other verifiable evidence to change the gender on a birth certificate. Prior to the approved change to the regulations, a court order was required to change the gender on a birth record, unless an error could be proven.” The Division collaborated with many advocacy groups throughout the regulation process to gain a better understanding of what changes would be most helpful to the public when requesting such changes to a certificate.

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 440.030 requires a person to provide an affidavit in which the affiant (the person who swears to an affidavit) set forth the facts that need correction on the certificate. The individual must also submit a supplementary affidavit *or other verifiable evidence* corroborating the facts contained in the principal affidavit. Any supplementary affidavit must be executed by a person other than the affiant of the principal affidavit. The affidavit and supplementary affidavit forms will be available at www.dpbh.nv.gov.

The State Registrar may accept the affidavit for alteration or correction of a certificate if the affiants:

- Have signed *any* affidavit and these signatures are notarized;
- Have personal knowledge of facts state therein: *and*
- *Have provided a supplementary affidavit or other verifiable evidence to support the affidavit.*

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