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2017 SENATE BILL 79

March 2, 2017 - Introduced by Senators LEMAHIEU, HANSEN, HARSDORF, BEWLEY, KAPENGA, LASEE, MARKLEIN, MOULTON, NASS, OLSEN, TESTIN, WANGGAARD and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, BERNIER, E. BROOKS, CONSIDINE, EDMING, GENRICH, HORLACHER, JARCHOW, KATSMA, KERKMAN, KOLSTE, KREMER, KRUG, KULP, MACCO, MEYERS, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, QUINN, ROHRKASTE, SINICKI, SPIROS, STEFFEN, TAUCHEN and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Commerce and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT to create** 69.30 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing county
2 clerks and clerks of court to copy certified birth certificates for certain purposes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an exception to the general prohibition in current law against copying a vital record and allows a county clerk or clerk of courts to copy a birth certificate for submission with a passport application, if the copy is marked "FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE." Under current law, with certain exceptions, a person who copies a vital record, such as a certified or uncertified birth certificate, may be guilty of a felony and subject to a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to three years and six months, or both.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 69.30 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
4 **69.30 (2m)** A county clerk under s. 59.23 or a clerk of court under s. 59.40 is
5 not subject to s. 69.24 (1) (a) for copying a certified copy of a birth certificate, if

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1 provided to a person for submission with a passport application and the copy is
2 marked "FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE".

3 (END)