

## State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

## **PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

AN ACT *to amend* 69.18 (1m) (intro.); and *to create* 69.18 (1m) (c) 3. and 69.18 (1m) (c) 4. of the statutes; **relating to:** providing additional information fields regarding occupation and substance use on death records.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council Study Committee on Uniform Death Reporting Standards.

Current law requires that a death record be filed with the state whenever a death occurs. The death record must include various information about the decedent, including information for statistical use only that is collected on the standard death record form recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics (currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), along with any other data as directed by the state registrar, including race, educational background, and health risk behavior.

The bill requires additional information to be included in a death record. Under the bill, a death record must include: (1) information on whether substance use contributed to the death; and (2) data on the decedent's usual occupation in a format directed by the state registrar to include information regarding additional occupations, if applicable. 2023 – 2024 Legislature – 2 –

1	<b>SECTION 1.</b> 69.18 (1m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	69.18 (1m) FORMAT. (intro.) Beginning on September 1, 2013 2025, a record
3	of death shall consist of the following parts:
4	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 69.18 $(1m)$ (c) 3. of the statutes is created to read:
<b>5</b>	69.18 (1m) (c) 3. Information on whether substance use contributed to the
6	death.
7	<b>SECTION 3.</b> 69.18 $(1m)$ (c) 4. of the statutes is created to read:
8	69.18 (1m) (c) 4. Data on the decedent's usual occupation in a format directed
9	by the state registrar that allows inclusion of information regarding additional
10	occupations, if applicable.
11	(END)