

1 H.59

2 Introduced by Representatives Coffey of Guilford and Sibilila of Dover

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; vital records; death certificates; correction, completion, or
6 amendment; service-connected injury or illness

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow the
8 immediate family of a deceased veteran to apply for the correction,
9 completion, or amendment of a death certificate to accurately record that the
10 death was caused or hastened by a service-connected injury or illness.

11 An act relating to correcting or amending the death certificate of a military
12 veteran

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5202a is amended to read:

15 § 5202a. CORRECTION, COMPLETION, OR AMENDMENT OF DEATH
16 CERTIFICATE

17 (a) Corrections; completions. Within six months after the date of death, the
18 State Registrar may correct or complete a death certificate upon application by
19 the certifying licensed health care professional, medical examiner, hospital,
20 nursing home, or funeral director; A surviving spouse or child may apply for

1 the correction or completion of a veteran's death certificate in order to record a
2 service-connected injury or illness that caused or hastened the veteran's death.
3 The State Registrar may correct or complete a death certificate if the
4 application and relevant evidence, if any, show that the correction or
5 completion is warranted.

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7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.