



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1260

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Introduced by: **Representative** Schaeffbauer

1 **An Act to require that birth certificates and certain official documents reflect**  
 2 **biological sex.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 32-12-3 be AMENDED:**

5 **32-12-3.** Every application under this chapter ~~shall state the full~~ must:

6 (1) State the applicant's:

7 (a) Full legal name or any other name taken for lawful purposes, ~~date;~~

8 (b) Date of birth, ~~social;~~

9 (c) Social security number, ~~sex;~~

10 (d) Sex, as defined in § 34-25-1.1; ~~and current~~

11 (e) Current mailing address and residential address ~~of the applicant,~~ and  
 12 briefly; ~~and~~

13 (2) Briefly describe the applicant.

14 The applicant shall state whether ~~he~~ the applicant has previously been licensed as  
 15 an operator, and, if so, when and by what state or country, and whether an application  
 16 has ever been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for ~~such~~ the suspension,  
 17 revocation, or refusal. All applicants shall certify the information provided as true and  
 18 correct.

19 **Section 2. That § 32-12-17.10 be AMENDED:**

20 **32-12-17.10.** An operator's license, motorcycle operator's license, restricted  
 21 minor's permit, motorcycle restricted minor's permit, instruction permit, and motorcycle  
 22 instruction permit ~~shall~~ must bear ~~a:~~

23 (1) A distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, ~~the holder;~~

24 (2) The holder's full legal name or any name lawfully taken, ~~date;~~

25 (3) The holder's date of birth, ~~gender;~~

- 1       (4) The holder's sex, as defined in § 34-25-1.1;  
 2       (5) The holder's principal residence address,~~an~~;  
 3       (6) An indication if the licensee is holder:  
 4           (a) Is a donor pursuant to chapter 34-26,~~an indication if the licensee has;~~  
 5           (b) Has a living will pursuant to chapter 34-12D or a durable power of attorney  
 6                 for health care pursuant to chapter 59-7,~~an indication if the licensee is;~~ or  
 7           (c) Is a veteran pursuant to the provisions of § 32-12-17.15,~~a~~;  
 8       (7) A full facial digital photograph,~~a~~ of the holder;  
 9       (8) A brief description of the licensee,~~the licensee's~~ holder;  
 10       (9) The holder's signature,~~security;~~  
 11       (10) Security features designed to deter forgery and counterfeiting, to promote an  
 12           adequate level of confidence in the authenticity of the cards, and to facilitate  
 13           detection of fraudulent cards,~~the~~;  
 14       (11) The issue date of the license,~~the or permit;~~  
 15       (12) The expiration date of the license,~~an or permit;~~  
 16       (13) An indication that the license or permit is temporary or limited term,~~if the holder~~  
 17           has temporary lawful status in the United States,~~the~~;  
 18       (14) The name of this state;~~i~~ and ~~a~~  
 19       (15) A security marking approved by the United States Department of Homeland  
 20           Security reflecting the level of compliance with 6 C.F.R. Part 37 ~~as amended~~  
 21           through (January 1, 2015).

22       The department shall indicate upon each license or permit the general class of  
 23       vehicles that the licensee may drive. The back of the license ~~shall~~ or permit must contain  
 24       a barcode. The department shall include in the barcode the name of this state, the  
 25       information printed on the license or permit, the card design revision date indicating the  
 26       most recent change or modification to the visible format of the card, and an indicator if  
 27       the license or permit is temporary or limited term. No barcode, or other means by which  
 28       information may be retrieved electronically, may contain the licensee's social security  
 29       number.

30       **Section 3. That § 32-12-17.2 be AMENDED:**

31           **32-12-17.2.** The Department of Public Safety may issue upon application a  
 32       nondriver identification card, similar in form but distinguishable in color from a driver  
 33       license, to any resident of this state. Each applicant for a nondriver identification card  
 34       shall, as part of the application, present to the department a certified copy of a birth

1 certificate of birth or another form of evidence of date of birth and identity as allowed by  
2 § 32-12-3.1.

3 Except as provided in § 32-12-17.16, the fees for a nondriver identification card  
4 are the same as prescribed for a driver license in § 32-12-16. Each nondriver identification  
5 card expires on the holder's birthday in the fifth year following the issuance of the  
6 nondriver identification card, or on the date of expiration of the applicant's authorized stay  
7 in the United States as determined by the systematic alien verification for entitlements  
8 system or alternate method approved by the United States Department of Homeland  
9 Security or, if there is no expiration date, for a period no longer than one year from date  
10 of issuance, whichever occurs first. Each nondriver identification card is renewable one  
11 hundred eighty days before its expiration upon application and payment of the required  
12 fee. Any nondriver identification card renewed before its expiration expires five years after  
13 the holder's ensuing birthday, or on the date of expiration of the applicant's authorized  
14 stay in the United States as determined by the systematic alien verification for  
15 entitlements system or alternate method approved by the United States Department of  
16 Homeland Security or, if there is no expiration date, for a period no longer than one year  
17 from date of issuance, whichever occurs first.

18 The nondriver identification card must bear ~~an~~ an:

19 (1) An indication if the holder has:

20 (a) Has a living will pursuant to chapter 34-12D or a durable power of attorney  
21 for health care pursuant to chapter 59-7 and an indication if the holder is;

22 or

23 (b) Is a veteran pursuant to the provisions of § 32-12-17.15; and

24 (2) The holder's sex, as defined in § 34-25-1.1.

25 Any nondriver identification card renewed during the thirty-day period following  
26 the date of expiration expires five years from the holder's previous birthday, or on the  
27 date of expiration of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States as determined by  
28 the systematic alien verification for entitlements system or alternate method approved by  
29 the United States Department of Homeland Security or, if there is no expiration date, for  
30 a period no longer than one year from date of issuance, whichever occurs first.

31 **Section 4. That § 34-25-1.1 be AMENDED:**

32 **34-25-1.1.** Terms ~~as~~ used in this chapter mean:

33 (1) "Authorized representative," an attorney, physician, funeral director, or other  
34 designated agent acting on behalf of the family;

- 1       ~~(1A)~~(2) "Autopsy," the ~~post-mortem~~ post-mortem dissection and examination of a dead  
2       body, including fetal tissue older than twenty-four weeks;
- 3       ~~(2)~~(3) "Certified copy," a vital record or part thereof issued and sealed by the state  
4       registrar and other entities as authorized by the department;
- 5       ~~(3)~~(4) "Dead body," a lifeless human body or parts thereof from the state of which it may  
6       reasonably be concluded that death recently occurred;
- 7       ~~(4)~~(5) "Death certificate," a record by means of which both the fact of death record and  
8       the medical certificate have been completed and filed as required by the  
9       department;
- 10      ~~(5)~~(6) "Demographic information," the information required by the state registrar to  
11      describe characteristics of a registrant, the family of a registrant, and geographic  
12      locations pertinent to a registrant;
- 13      ~~(6)~~(7) "Department," the Department of Health;
- 14      ~~(7)~~(8) "Fact of death information," the information required by the state registrar to  
15      record the time and place a death occurs and to identify the person who is  
16      deceased. The term does not include information regarding cause and manner of  
17      death;
- 18      ~~(8)~~(9) "Fact of death record," the portion of the death certificate that contains the fact of  
19      death information and demographic information;
- 20      (10) "Female," an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a  
21      congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive  
22      system that produces, transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization;
- 23      ~~(9)~~(11) "Fetal death," death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its  
24      mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of  
25      pregnancy. The death is indicated by the fact that after ~~such the~~ the expulsion or  
26      extraction, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life ~~such as,~~  
27      including the beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite  
28      movement of voluntary muscles;
- 29      ~~(10)~~(12) "Fetus," the biological offspring, including the implanted embryo or unborn  
30      child, of human parents;
- 31      ~~(11)~~(13) "Final disposition," the burial, interment, cremation, or other disposition of a  
32      dead body or fetus;
- 33      ~~(12)~~(14) "Institution," any establishment, public or private, ~~which that~~ that provides in-  
34      patient medical, surgical, or diagnostic care or treatment, or nursing, custodial, or

1 domiciliary care to two or more unrelated individuals, or to which ~~persons~~  
2 individuals are committed by law;

3 ~~(13)~~(15) "Live birth," the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product  
4 of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such  
5 expulsion or extraction, breathes or shows any other evidence of life ~~such as,~~  
6 including the beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite  
7 movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or  
8 the placenta is attached;

9 ~~(14)~~(16) "Medical certificate," the portion of the death certificate that contains the  
10 information regarding the cause and manner of death;

11 ~~(15)~~(17) "Male," an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for  
12 a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive  
13 system that produces, transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization;

14 (18) "Sex," an individual's biological sex, either female or male;

15 (19) "Vital records," records of birth, death, fetal death, burial, marriage, divorce, and  
16 data related thereto as entered on forms prescribed by the department; and

17 ~~(20)~~ System of vital registration system, the process by which vital records are  
18 collected, completed, amended, certified, filed, preserved, and incorporated into  
19 the official records of the office of vital records, and activities related thereto  
20 including the tabulation, analysis, and publication of statistical data derived from  
21 such records;

22 ~~(16)~~ "Vital records," records of birth, death, fetal death, burial, marriage, divorce, and  
23 data related thereto as entered on forms prescribed by the department.

24 **Section 5. That § 34-25-8 be AMENDED:**

25 **34-25-8.** The birth of every child born in this state ~~shall~~ must be registered as  
26 ~~provided in~~ required by this chapter. Within seven days after the date of each live birth,  
27 there ~~shall~~ must be filed with the department by electronic means, if a facility has ~~such~~  
28 the capabilities, or otherwise if electronic means are not available, a certificate of ~~such~~  
29 birth. The certificate ~~shall~~ must be upon the form prescribed by the department and must  
30 contain the child's:

31 (1) Date of birth;

32 (2) Place of birth; and

33 (3) Sex.

1 For certificates of birth filed after seven days, but within one year from the date of  
2 birth, the department may, by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, require  
3 additional evidence in support of the facts of birth.

4 Informational copies of birth records ~~shall~~ must be available to any person who can  
5 identify the birth record by providing the name of the person on the birth record, the date  
6 of birth, the mother's maiden name, or additional information required to locate the  
7 record. Nothing in this section prohibits the release of information that is contained on a  
8 birth record ~~which would~~ and does not identify any ~~person~~ individual named in the record.

9 If one hundred years have elapsed after the date of birth, the records of the birth  
10 in the custody of the department ~~shall~~ must become available to the public without  
11 restriction. The department shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to provide  
12 for the continued safekeeping of these records.

13 **Section 6. That § 34-25-51 be AMENDED:**

14 **34-25-51.** ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a vital record may be  
15 amended in accordance with rules promulgated by the department pursuant to chapter 1-  
16 26. Each request for amending a birth, death, or marriage certificate, after one year from  
17 the event, shall ~~must~~ be accompanied by an ~~eight-dollar~~ eight-dollar fee to the department  
18 for amending the record and filing the affidavit.

19 **Section 7. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-25:**

20 The date of birth, place of birth, or sex listed on a birth certificate may only be  
21 amended in the following manners:

- 22 (1) To correct clerical or data errors identified by the health care facility at which the  
23 child was born. The errors may be corrected at any time upon submission by the  
24 health care facility of a notarized affidavit, together with supporting  
25 documentation;
- 26 (2) Upon a finding of a court, by clear and convincing evidence, that the information  
27 listed on the birth certificate was factually incorrect at the time it was recorded; or
- 28 (3) To correct the sex of a child born with a congenital anomaly, if additional testing is  
29 required to accurately identify the sex. The sex may be corrected, within one year  
30 from the date of birth, upon submission by the child's attending physician of a  
31 notarized affidavit, together with supporting documentation, identifying the child's  
32 sex as male or female.