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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill would require the state registrar to amend a death record if so ordered by a court upon its finding that the record was incomplete, inaccurate, or false.

There is a similar provision for the replacement of a birth record under current law (Minnesota Statutes, § 144.218, subd. 4).

#### Section

- 1**      **Citation.** Gives this act the title "Ryan's Vital Record Rights Act."
- 2**      **Incomplete, incorrect, and modified vital records.** Amends § 144.221, by adding subd. 4. Permits a court to order an amendment to a vital record if the court finds a death record to be incomplete, inaccurate, or false.
- 3**      **Death records.** Amends § 390.23. Permits a court to find that the cause or manner of death information on a death record is incomplete, inaccurate, or false and to order an amendment to a vital record. Under current law, only the county coroner, medical examiner, or forensic pathologist who reviewed the death may amend the cause or manner of death information.
- 4**      **Effective date.** States that this act is effective the day following final enactment and applies to death records issued as of January 1, 2001.