

Proposal for Legislation -- 2009 Delayed/Amended Birth Certificates

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1. What is the problem or issue?

Currently, 50-15-204 MCA, entitled Delayed or Amended Birth certificate, in section (4) states that if birth certificates are altered by the department after filing the certificate must be marked as "altered". We currently stamp or mark all certificates that have been amended in this way. Most other States mark the record as "amended".

The word amended has a less negative connotation than altered. An "altered" certificate is not readily accepted, which may cause difficulty for anyone using the certificate for official purposes such as obtaining a passport or getting a driver's license.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

We would like to change the wording in 50-15-204 MCA from "altered" to "amended".

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

50-15-204 (4) and (5) MCA

50-15-202 (2) MCA

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?

No funding required

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

No