
42 U.S. Code § 1306c

Restriction on access to the Death Master File

(a) In general

The Secretary of Commerce shall not disclose to any person information contained on the Death Master File with respect to any deceased individual at any time during the 3-calendar-year period beginning on the date of the individual's death, unless such person is certified under the program established under subsection (b).

(b) Certification program

(1) In general

The Secretary of Commerce shall establish a program—

- (A) to certify persons who are eligible to access the information described in subsection (a) contained on the Death Master File, and
- (B) to perform periodic and unscheduled audits of certified persons to determine the compliance by such certified persons with the requirements of the program.

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