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MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS . CERTIFICATE OF DEATH Š. ACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state of OCCUPATION is very important. 1. PLACE OF PRESCRIBED 2. FULL NAME (If nonresident give city or town and State) AS How lond in U.S., if of foreign birth? Length of residence in city or town where death occurred COMPLETED PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS stated EXACTLY. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Coring the word) 4. COLOR OR RACE 3. SES 16. DATE OF DEATH MONTH, DAY AND YEA statement 17. CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from ARE 5a. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF THEY Exact pluods 6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) UNTIL If LESS then I 7. AGE YEARS **MONTHS** DAYS classified. CERTIFICATES 8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED be properly supplied. (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work CONTRIBUTORY..... (b) General nature of industry, (SECONDARY) business, or establishment in **Carefully** (duration) yrs. mes. ds which employed (or employer)...... may FOR (c) Name of employer 18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED FE 9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?.... (STATE OR COUNTRY) should ⋖ DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH?..... DATE OF..... 8 RECEIVE 10. NAME OF FATHER WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY?..... of information WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIST..... 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER, (9 RENTS (STATE OR COUNTRY) in plain (Sidned)....., M. D. NOT . 19 (Address) 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER SHALL *State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state N. B.—Every item of CAUSE OF DEATH 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN)..... (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or (STATE OR COUNTRY) HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.) REGISTRARS 14. PLACE OF BURIAL CREMATION. OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL (Address) 15. ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN

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Note.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death; Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia, septicemia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.