

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**§ 26009. Delayed Registration of Birth.**

(a) When a certificate of birth of a person born in the CNMI has not been filed within one year, a delayed certificate of birth may be filed in accordance with regulations of the State Agency. No delayed certificate shall be registered until the evidentiary requirements as specified in regulation have been met.

(b) Such birth shall be registered on a delayed certificate of birth form, and show on its face the date of registration. The delayed registration shall contain a summary statement of the evidence submitted in support of the delayed registration.

(c) No delayed certificate of birth shall be registered for a deceased person.

(d) (1) When an applicant as defined by regulation does not submit the minimum documentation required in the regulations for delayed registration or when the Registrar has cause to question the validity or adequacy of the applicant's sworn statement or the documentary evidence, and if the deficiencies are not corrected, the Registrar shall not register the delayed certificate of birth and shall advise the applicant of the reasons for this action, and shall further advise the applicant of his or her right to seek an order from the CNMI Superior Court.

(2) The State Agency may by regulation provide for the dismissal of an application which is not actively pursued.

**Source:** PL 15-50, § 11.