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SENATE BILL 5128

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By Senators Long, Hargrove, Franklin, Schow and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to fees charged to law enforcement agencies for  
2 death certificates of sex offenders; and amending RCW 70.58.107.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.58.107 and 1991 c 3 s 343 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The department of health shall charge a fee of eleven dollars for  
7 certified copies of records and for copies or information provided for  
8 research, statistical, or administrative purposes, and eight dollars  
9 for a search of the files or records when no copy is made. The  
10 department shall prescribe by regulation fees to be paid for preparing  
11 sealed files and for opening sealed files.

12 No fee may be demanded or required for furnishing certified copies  
13 of a birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, annulment, or legal  
14 separation record for use in connection with a claim for compensation  
15 or pension pending before the veterans administration. No fee may be  
16 demanded or required for furnishing a certified copy of a death  
17 certificate of a sex offender for use by a law enforcement agency in  
18 maintaining a registered sex offender data base.

1       The department shall keep a true and correct account of all fees  
2 received and turn the fees over to the state treasurer on a weekly  
3 basis.

4       Local registrars shall charge the same fees as the state as  
5 hereinabove provided and as prescribed by department regulation, except  
6 that local registrars shall charge eleven dollars for the first copy of  
7 a death certificate and six dollars for each additional copy of the  
8 same death certificate when the additional copies are ordered at the  
9 same time as the first copy. All such fees collected, except for three  
10 dollars of each fee for the issuance of a certified copy, shall be paid  
11 to the jurisdictional health department.

12       All local registrars in cities and counties shall keep a true and  
13 correct account of all fees received under this section for the  
14 issuance of certified copies and shall turn three dollars of the fee  
15 over to the state treasurer on or before the first day of January,  
16 April, July, and October.

17       Three dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified  
18 copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW  
19 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the  
20 state treasurer in the death investigations account established by RCW  
21 43.79.445.

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