
SENATE BILL 5958

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By Senator McDonald.

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1 AN ACT Relating to vital records; amending RCW 70.58.107; creating
2 a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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))~~
7 by rule establish a fee for certified copies of records and for copies
8 or information provided for research, statistical, or administrative
9 purposes, and ~~((eight dollars))~~ a fee for a search of the files or
10 records when no copy is made. The department shall prescribe by
11 regulation fees to be paid for preparing sealed files and for opening
12 sealed files. The fees established by the department under this
13 section shall be set at a level that enables the department to operate
14 the vital records program on a self-sufficient basis. The fee revenue
15 shall be deposited in the state general fund.

1 No fee may be demanded or required for furnishing certified copies
2 of a birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, annulment, or legal
3 separation record for use in connection with a claim for compensation
4 or pension pending before the veterans administration.

5 The department shall keep a true and correct account of all fees
6 received and turn the fees over to the state treasurer on a weekly
7 basis.

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

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

21 Three dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified
22 copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW
23 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the
24 state treasurer in the death investigations account established by RCW
25 43.79.445.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The secretary of the department of
27 health may take such steps as are necessary to ensure that this act is
28 implemented on its effective date.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect July 1, 1991.