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SENATE BILL 5201

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By Senators Thibaudeau and Deccio; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to vital statistics; amending RCW 70.58.107; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 70.58 RCW; repealing RCW 70.58.107; and  
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.58.107 and 1997 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

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

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

17 The department shall keep a true and correct account of all fees  
18 received and turn the fees over to the state treasurer on a weekly  
19 basis.

1 Local registrars shall charge the same fees as the state as  
2 hereinabove provided and as prescribed by department regulation, except  
3 that local registrars shall charge (~~((thirteen))~~) fifteen dollars for the  
4 first copy of a death certificate and (~~((eight))~~) ten dollars for each  
5 additional copy of the same death certificate when the additional  
6 copies are ordered at the same time as the first copy. All such fees  
7 collected, except for (~~((five))~~) six dollars of each fee for the issuance  
8 of a certified copy, shall be paid to the jurisdictional health  
9 department.

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

15 Five dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified  
16 copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW  
17 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the  
18 state treasurer in the death investigations' account established by RCW  
19 43.79.445. One dollar of each fee imposed for the issuance of  
20 certified copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under  
21 RCW 70.58.085, at local levels shall be held by the state treasurer for  
22 remittance to the department.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 70.58 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 The state board of health shall adopt by rule the fees charged by  
26 the department and local registrars for copies of vital records,  
27 including certified copies, for searches of records where no copy is  
28 made, and for preparing and opening sealed files.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 70.58.107 and 1999 c ... s 1 (section 1  
30 of this act), 1997 c 223 s 1, 1991 c 3 s 343, 1988 c 40 s 1, & 1987 c  
31 223 s 3 are each repealed, effective July 1, 2001.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1,  
33 2001. The state board of health may take necessary steps to ensure  
34 that section 2 of this act is implemented on its effective date.

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