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By Representatives Haigh, Cairnes, Gombosky, Benson, Fromhold, Rockefeller, Lantz, Anderson and Alexander; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to fees for certified copies of vital records; and  
2 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 1997 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

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

1 Local registrars shall charge the same fees as the state as  
2 hereinabove provided and as prescribed by department regulation(~~(7~~  
3 ~~except that local registrars shall charge thirteen dollars for the~~  
4 ~~first copy of a death certificate and eight dollars for each additional~~  
5 ~~copy of the same death certificate when the additional copies are~~  
6 ~~ordered at the same time as the first copy)). All such fees collected,  
7 except for five dollars of each fee collected for the issuance of ((~~a~~  
8 ~~certified copy~~) birth certificates and first copies of death  
9 certificates and twelve dollars of each fee collected for additional  
10 copies of the same death certificate ordered at the same time as the  
11 first copy, shall be paid 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 five dollars of the fees  
15 collected for birth certificates and first copies of death certificates  
16 and twelve dollars of the fee collected for additional copies of death  
17 certificates over to the state treasurer on or before the first day of  
18 January, April, July, and October.

19 Five dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified  
20 copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW  
21 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the  
22 state treasurer in the death investigations' account established by RCW  
23 43.79.445. Seven dollars of each fifteen-dollar fee collected for  
24 additional copies of death certificates issued by local registrars must  
25 be paid to the department of health for the purpose of developing and  
26 maintaining the state vital records systems, including a web-based  
27 electronic death registration system.

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