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**SB56** AS PASSED BY THE SENATE  
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**Sponsor** Sen. M.D., John J. H.  
**Committee** HEALTH POLICY

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**Completed** 5/8/01

### State Fiscal Impact

<b>Cost</b>	None
<b>Revenues</b>	Increase

### Local Fiscal Impact

<b>Cost</b>	None
<b>Revenues</b>	None

Senate Bill 56 amends the Public Health Code to establish increases in fees paid by the public for vital records documents and searches. The Department of Community Health (DCH) estimates that the increases will provide up to \$350,000 annually in additional revenue for the vital records programs, assuming unchanged volume in requests.. A \$200,000 increase in the DCH Fiscal Year 2000-01 budget was enacted in the summer of 2000, contingent upon amendment to the Public Health Code in which the fees are set. The intent of the budgeted increase of \$200,000 is to fund the implementation of enhanced electronic transferral of vital record events between locally based entities and the state vital records system. The DCH budget for Fiscal Year 2001-02, as currently awaiting Senate action, retains the \$200,000 increase in authorization and the contingency language.

Vital records fees were last increased in 1992, and prior to that in 1980. The bill also establishes a new fee of \$5.00 for a request for an expedited search for a vital record. The fee changes recommended by the Executive and the Senate are as follows:

CURRENT FEE	SB 56 FEE	
\$13	\$15	Search for a vital record, including 1 copy or an official statement that a record could not be located
\$4	\$5	Additional identical copies ordered at time of search
\$4	\$4	Additional years searched, charge per year
\$16	\$18	Authenticated copy
\$7	\$8	Additional identical authenticated copies ordered at the same time
\$4	\$5	Verification of facts of a vital record: name, event, date, place, and date of filing
N/A	\$5	Request for an expedited search for a vital record
\$26	\$30	Application to establish a delayed certificate of birth or death, including 1 copy or official denial
\$13	\$30	Registration of a delayed certificate of birth for a foreign born adopted child, including 1 copy
\$5	\$7	Search and one copy of the birth record of a person applying who is 65 years of age or older
\$26	\$26	Application to create new vital record due to a change or to correct a vital record