

Legislative Analysis



INCREASE FEES FOR VITAL RECORDS

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BRIEF SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1143 amends the Public Health Code to establish increases in fees paid by the public for vital records documents and searches. Vital records fees were last increased in 2001, 1992, and prior to that in 1980.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Community Health (DCH) estimates that the fee increases will provide up to \$1,434,300 annually in additional revenue for the state vital records program, and assumes a reduced demand for record requests to the State. A \$1.5 million increase is included in the DCH Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget as Enrolled (SB 1063), which assumes these fee increases. The intent of the fee increase is to fully support the state vital records system with state restricted fees and federal funds, and eliminate the use of General Fund/General Purpose funding for vital records.

The fee changes recommended are as follows:

Current	Proposed	
\$15	\$26	Search for a vital record, and 1 copy or an official statement of no record
\$5	\$12	Additional identical copies ordered at time of search
\$4	\$12	Additional years searched, charge per year
\$18	\$29	Authenticated copy
\$8	\$15	Additional identical authenticated copies ordered at the same time
\$5	\$10	Verification of facts of a vital record: name, event, date, place, and date of filing
\$5	\$10	Request for an expedited search for a vital record
\$30	\$40	Application to establish a delayed certificate of birth or death, including 1 copy or official denial of application
\$30	\$40	Registration of a delayed certificate of birth for a foreign born adopted child, 1 copy
\$7	\$7	Search, and 1 copy of the birth record of a person applying who is age 65 or older
\$26	\$40	Application to create a new vital record due to a change, or to correct a vital record

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