

HOUSE BILL No. 2544

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning the department of health and environment; relating to vital statistics; establishing the vital statistics maintenance fee fund; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 65-2418 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. There is hereby created the vital statistics maintenance fee fund in the state treasury which shall be administered by the secretary of health and environment. All expenditures from the vital statistics maintenance fee fund shall be to help finance the implementation of and to maintain the vital statistics integrated information system. All expenditures from the vital statistics maintenance fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of health and environment or by the secretary's designee.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 65-2418 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2418. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the secretary shall fix and charge the fees, if any, to be paid for certified copies of certificates or for search of the files or records when no certified copy is made. Fees for certified copies of certificates shall be fixed by rules and regulations of the secretary except that the fee for the first copy of a birth or death certificate shall include a \$3 surcharge and the fee for each additional copy of the same birth or death certificate requested at the same time shall include a \$1 surcharge. The secretary shall not charge any fee for a certified copy of a certificate or for a search of the files or records if the certificate or search is requested by a person who exhibits correspondence from the United States veterans administration or the Kansas commission on veterans' affairs which indicates that the person is applying for benefits from the United States veterans administration and that such person needs the requested information to obtain such benefits, except that, for a second or subsequent certified copy of a certificate or search of the files requested by the person, the usual fee shall be charged. The secretary may provide by rules and regulations for exemptions from such fees.

(b) Subject to K.S.A. 65-2420 and amendments thereto, the national

1 office of vital statistics may be furnished copies or data it requires for
2 national statistics. The state shall be reimbursed for the cost of furnishing
3 the data. The data shall not be used for other than statistical purposes by
4 the national office of vital statistics unless so authorized by the state reg-
5 istrar of vital statistics.

6 (c) (1) The secretary shall remit all moneys received by or for the
7 secretary from fees, charges or penalties to the state treasurer at least
8 monthly. Upon receipt of any such remittance, other than remittances
9 for fees for birth certificates, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire
10 amount thereof in the state treasury and the same shall be credited to
11 the state general fund.

12 (2) Upon receipt of any such remittance of a fee for a birth certificate,
13 \$3 of each such fee for the first copy of a birth certificate and \$1 of each
14 such fee for each additional copy of the same birth certificate requested
15 at the same time shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall deposit
16 the entire amount of each such remittance in the state treasury and credit
17 it to the permanent families account of the family and children investment
18 fund created by K.S.A. 38-1808, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt
19 of any such remittance of a fee for a death certificate, \$3 of each such
20 fee for the first copy of a death certificate and \$1 of each such fee for
21 each additional copy of the same death certificate requested at the same
22 time shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall deposit annually
23 the entire amount of each such remittance in the state treasury and credit
24 it to the district coroners fund created by K.S.A. 22a-245 and amend-
25 ments thereto. The balance of the money received for a fee for a birth
26 certificate shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall deposit the
27 entire amount of each such remittance in the state treasury and the same
28 shall be credited to the state general fund.

29 (d) *Upon receipt of any fee for a certified copy of a birth, death, fetal*
30 *death, marriage or divorce certificate, \$1 of each such fee shall be remitted*
31 *to the state treasurer who shall deposit the entire amount of each such*
32 *remittance in the state treasury and credit it to the vital statistics main-*
33 *tenance fee fund created by section 1, and amendments thereto. For the*
34 *purposes of the vital statistics maintenance fee fund, the secretary of*
35 *health and environment shall adopt rules and regulations providing for*
36 *an increase of \$1 in the fees charged by the state registrar for providing*
37 *a certified copy of a birth, death, fetal death, marriage or divorce*
38 *certificate.*

39 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 65-2418 is hereby repealed.

40 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
41 publication in the statute book.