

# HOUSE BILL No. 2051

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning the department of health and environment; relating to fees for copies of certain vital statistic documents; amending K.S.A. 65-2418 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 65-2418d.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 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 or abstracts of certificates or for search of the files or records when no certified copy or abstract is made. Fees for certified copies or abstracts 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 or abstract shall include a \$3 surcharge and the fee for each additional copy of the same birth ~~or death~~ certificate or abstract requested at the same time shall include a \$1 surcharge *and the fee for the first copy of a death certificate shall include a \$4 surcharge and the fee for each additional copy of the same death certificate requested at the same time shall include a \$2 surcharge.*

The secretary shall not charge any fee for a certified copy of a certificate or abstract or for a search of the files or records if the certificate, abstract or search is requested by a person who exhibits correspondence from the United States department of veterans affairs or the Kansas commission on veterans' affairs which indicates that the person is applying for benefits from the United States department of veterans affairs and that such person needs the requested information to obtain such benefits, except that, for a second or subsequent copy of a certificate, abstract 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 office of vital statistics may be furnished copies or data it requires for national statistics. The state shall be reimbursed for the cost of furnishing the data. The data shall not be used for other than statistical purposes by the national office of vital statistics unless so authorized by the state registrar of vital statistics.

(c) (1) The secretary shall remit all moneys received by or for the

1 secretary from fees, charges or penalties to the state treasurer in accord-  
2 ance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto.  
3 Upon receipt of each such remittance, other than remittances for fees  
4 for birth certificates or abstracts, the state treasurer shall deposit the  
5 entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

6 (2) Upon receipt of any such remittance of a fee for a birth certificate  
7 or abstract, ~~\$3~~ \$5 of each such fee for the first copy of a birth certificate  
8 or abstract and ~~\$1~~ \$3 of each such fee for each additional copy of the  
9 same birth certificate or abstract requested at the same time shall be  
10 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.  
11 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance,  
12 the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury  
13 to the credit of the permanent families account of the family and children  
14 investment fund created by K.S.A. 38-1808, and amendments thereto.  
15 Upon receipt of any such remittance of a fee for a death certificate or  
16 abstract, ~~\$3~~ \$4 of each such fee for the first copy of a death certificate or  
17 abstract and ~~\$1~~ \$2 of each such fee for each additional copy of the same  
18 death certificate or abstract requested at the same time shall be remitted  
19 to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215,  
20 and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state  
21 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit  
22 of the district coroners fund created by K.S.A. 22a-245, and amendments  
23 thereto. The balance of the money received for a fee for a birth certificate  
24 or abstract shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the  
25 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of  
26 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount  
27 in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

28 (d) Upon receipt of any fee for a certified copy or abstract of a birth,  
29 death, fetal death, marriage or divorce certificate, \$1 of each such fee  
30 shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall deposit the entire  
31 amount of each such remittance in the state treasury and credit it to the  
32 vital statistics maintenance fee fund created under K.S.A. 65-2418b, and  
33 amendments thereto. For the purposes of the vital statistics maintenance  
34 fee fund, the secretary of health and environment shall adopt rules and  
35 regulations providing for an increase of \$1 in the fees charged by the state  
36 registrar for providing a certified copy or abstract of a birth, death, fetal  
37 death, marriage or divorce certificate.

38 (e) *The secretary of health and environment shall adopt rules and*  
39 *regulations providing for an increase of \$1 in the fees charged by the state*  
40 *registrar for providing a certified copy of a birth, death, fetal death, mar-*  
41 *riage or divorce certificate.*

42 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-2418 and 65-2418d are hereby repealed.

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