

HB 1578 - H AMD 317

By Representative Haigh

1       Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3       "**Sec. 1.** RCW 70.58.107 and 1997 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

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

11       No fee may be demanded or required for furnishing certified copies  
12 of a birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, annulment, or legal  
13 separation record for use in connection with a claim for compensation  
14 or pension pending before the veterans administration.

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

18       Local registrars shall charge the same fees as the state as  
19 hereinabove provided and as prescribed by department regulation, except  
20 that local registrars shall charge thirteen dollars for the first copy  
21 of a death certificate and eight dollars for each additional copy of  
22 the same death certificate when the additional copies are ordered at  
23 the same time as the first copy. All such fees collected, except for  
24 five dollars of each fee for the issuance of a certified copy, shall be  
25 paid to the jurisdictional health department.

26       All local registrars in cities and counties shall keep a true and  
27 correct account of all fees received under this section for the  
28 issuance of certified copies and shall turn five dollars of the fee

1 over to the state treasurer on or before the first day of January,  
2 April, July, and October.

3 Five dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified  
4 copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW  
5 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the  
6 state treasurer in the death investigations' account established by RCW  
7 43.79.445. No later than July 1, 2009, the department of health shall  
8 develop and maintain state vital records systems, including a web-based  
9 electronic death registration system."

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