

SSB 5545 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Appropriations

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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))~~  
6 seventeen dollars for certified copies of records and for copies or  
7 information provided for research, statistical, or administrative  
8 purposes, and eight dollars for a search of the files or records when  
9 no copy is made. The department shall prescribe by regulation fees to  
10 be paid for preparing 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(~~(~~  
20 ~~except that local registrars shall charge thirteen dollars for the~~  
21 ~~first copy of a death certificate and eight dollars for each additional~~  
22 ~~copy of the same death certificate when the additional copies are~~  
23 ~~ordered at the same time as the first copy)) except in cases where  
24 payment is made by credit card, charge card, debit card, smart card,  
25 stored value card, federal wire, automatic clearinghouse system, or  
26 other electronic communication. Payment by these electronic methods  
27 may be subject to an additional fee consistent with the requirements  
28 established by RCW 36.29.190. All such fees collected, except for  
29 ~~((five))~~ seven dollars of each fee collected for the issuance of ~~((a~~  
30 ~~certified copy))~~ birth certificates and first copies of death~~

1 certificates and fourteen dollars of each fee collected for additional  
2 copies of the same death certificate ordered at the same time as the  
3 first copy, shall be paid to the jurisdictional health department.

4 All local registrars in cities and counties shall keep a true and  
5 correct account of all fees received under this section for the  
6 issuance of certified copies and shall turn (~~five~~) seven dollars of  
7 the fees collected for birth certificates and first copies of death  
8 certificates and fourteen dollars of the fee collected for additional  
9 copies of death certificates over to the state treasurer on or before  
10 the first day of January, April, July, and October. All but five  
11 dollars of the fees turned over to the state treasurer by local  
12 registrars shall be paid to the department of health for the purpose of  
13 developing and maintaining the state vital records systems, including  
14 a web-based electronic death registration system.

15 Five dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified  
16 copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW  
17 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the  
18 state treasurer in the death investigations' account established by RCW  
19 43.79.445."

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