

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5545

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,
Secretary of the Senate of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5545 as
passed by the Senate and the House
of Representatives on the dates
hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Esser, Reardon, Poulsen, Sheahan and Winsley; by request of Department of Health)

READ FIRST TIME 04/03/03.

1 AN ACT Relating to fees for certified copies of vital records; and
2 amending RCW 70.58.107.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

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

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

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

1 Local registrars shall charge the same fees as the state as
2 hereinabove provided and as prescribed by department regulation(~~(7~~
3 ~~except that local registrars shall charge thirteen dollars for the~~
4 ~~first copy of a death certificate and eight dollars for each additional~~
5 ~~copy of the same death certificate when the additional copies are~~
6 ~~ordered at the same time as the first copy)) except in cases where
7 payment is made by credit card, charge card, debit card, smart card,
8 stored value card, federal wire, automatic clearinghouse system, or
9 other electronic communication. Payment by these electronic methods
10 may be subject to an additional fee consistent with the requirements
11 established by RCW 36.29.190. All such fees collected, except for
12 ~~((five))~~ seven dollars of each fee collected for the issuance of ~~((a~~
13 ~~certified copy))~~ birth certificates and first copies of death
14 certificates and fourteen dollars of each fee collected for additional
15 copies of the same death certificate ordered at the same time as the
16 first copy, shall be paid to the jurisdictional health department.~~

17 All local registrars in cities and counties shall keep a true and
18 correct account of all fees received under this section for the
19 issuance of certified copies and shall turn ~~((five))~~ seven dollars of
20 the fees collected for birth certificates and first copies of death
21 certificates and fourteen dollars of the fee collected for additional
22 copies of death certificates over to the state treasurer on or before
23 the first day of January, April, July, and October. All but five
24 dollars of the fees turned over to the state treasurer by local
25 registrars shall be paid to the department of health for the purpose of
26 developing and maintaining the state vital records systems, including
27 a web-based electronic death registration system.

28 Five dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified
29 copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW
30 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the
31 state treasurer in the death investigations' account established by RCW
32 43.79.445.

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