

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1579

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE INGLE.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 193.265, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to vital records.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 193.265, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 193.265, to read as follows:

193.265. 1. For the issuance of a certification or copy of a death record, the applicant shall pay a fee of thirteen dollars for the first certification or copy and a fee of ten dollars for each additional copy ordered at that time. For the issuance of a certification or copy of a birth, marriage, divorce, or fetal death record, the applicant shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars. No fee shall be required or collected for a certification of birth, death, or marriage if the request for certification is made by the children's division, the division of youth services, a guardian ad litem, **a parent or guardian of a homeless child or homeless youth as defined in subsection 1 of section 167.020, an unaccompanied youth as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a(6)**, or a juvenile officer on behalf of a child or person under twenty-one years of age who has come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under section 211.031. All fees shall be deposited to the state department of revenue. Beginning August 28, 2004, for each vital records fee collected, the director of revenue shall credit four dollars to the general revenue fund, five dollars to the children's trust fund, one dollar shall be credited to the endowed care cemetery audit fund, and three dollars for the first copy of death records and five dollars for birth, marriage, divorce, and fetal death records shall be credited to the Missouri public services health fund established in section 192.900. Money in the endowed care cemetery audit fund shall be available by appropriation to the division of professional registration to pay its expenses in administering

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 sections 214.270 to 214.410. All interest earned on money deposited in the endowed care  
19 cemetery audit fund shall be credited to the endowed care cemetery fund. Notwithstanding the  
20 provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, money placed in the endowed care cemetery audit  
21 fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of general revenue until the amount in the  
22 fund at the end of the biennium exceeds three times the amount of the appropriation from the  
23 endowed care cemetery audit fund for the preceding fiscal year. The money deposited in the  
24 public health services fund under this section shall be deposited in a separate account in the fund,  
25 and moneys in such account, upon appropriation, shall be used to automate and improve the state  
26 vital records system, and develop and maintain an electronic birth and death registration system.  
27 For any search of the files and records, when no record is found, the state shall be entitled to a  
28 fee equal to the amount for a certification of a vital record for a five-year search to be paid by the  
29 applicant. For the processing of each legitimation, adoption, court order or recording after the  
30 registrant's twelfth birthday, the state shall be entitled to a fee equal to the amount for a  
31 certification of a vital record. Except whenever a certified copy or copies of a vital record is  
32 required to perfect any claim of any person on relief, or any dependent of any person who was  
33 on relief for any claim upon the government of the state or United States, the state registrar shall,  
34 upon request, furnish a certified copy or so many certified copies as are necessary, without any  
35 fee or compensation therefor.

36 2. For the issuance of a certification of a death record by the local registrar, the applicant  
37 shall pay a fee of thirteen dollars for the first certification or copy and a fee of ten dollars for each  
38 additional copy ordered at that time. For the issuance of a certification or copy of a birth,  
39 marriage, divorce, or fetal death record, the applicant shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars; except  
40 that, in any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand  
41 but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, a donation of one dollar may be collected  
42 by the local registrar over and above any fees required by law when a certification or copy of any  
43 marriage license or birth certificate is provided, with such donations collected to be forwarded  
44 monthly by the local registrar to the county treasurer of such county and the donations so  
45 forwarded to be deposited by the county treasurer into the housing resource commission fund to  
46 assist homeless families and provide financial assistance to organizations addressing  
47 homelessness in such county. The local registrar shall include a check-off box on the application  
48 form for such copies. All fees, other than the donations collected in any county with a charter  
49 form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred  
50 thousand inhabitants for marriage licenses and birth certificates, shall be deposited to the official  
51 city or county health agency. A certified copy of a death record by the local registrar can only  
52 be issued within twenty-four hours of receipt of the record by the local registrar.  
53 Computer-generated certifications of death records may be issued by the local registrar after

54 twenty-four hours of receipt of the records. The fees paid to the official county health agency  
55 shall be retained by the local agency for local public health purposes.

56 **3. An unaccompanied youth as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a(6) shall be**  
57 **eligible to receive a certification or copy of his or her own birth record without the consent**  
58 **or signature of his or her parent or guardian.**

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