

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2580 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY COX, GILLEN, MILLARD, MULLERY, WHEELAND AND ZIMMERMAN, JULY 30, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JULY 30, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An
 2 act providing for the administration of a statewide system of
 3 vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State
 4 Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and
 5 local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners,
 6 prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians,
 7 midwives and other persons; requiring reports and
 8 certificates for the registration of vital statistics;
 9 regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the
 10 disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital
 11 statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and
 12 penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating
 13 thereto," in records, further providing for fees for copies.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 807(a) of the act of June 29, 1953
 17 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is
 18 amended to read:

19 Section 807. Records: Fees for Copies.--(a) Except as
 20 otherwise provided in this act, the Advisory Health Board shall
 21 prescribe the fees to be paid by applicants for copies of vital
 22 statistics records or parts thereof. The department may not
 23 process a payment by an applicant until the requested copy of

1 the vital statistics record or part thereof has been mailed to
2 the applicant. The department shall publish notice on the
3 department's publicly accessible Internet website that an
4 applicant's payment will not be processed until such time as the
5 requested copy of the vital statistics record or part thereof
6 has been mailed to the applicant and shall cause the same notice
7 to be published on the online VitalChek service.

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9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.