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Senate Bill 1301 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator John J. H. Schwarz, M.D.
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to increase fees for vital records searches and for copies of vital records; allow the Department of Community Health (DCH) to adjust the fees each year based upon the wages of DCH employees; and establish a new \$5 fee for an expedited search for a vital record.

Under the Code, the State Registrar or a local registrar must conduct a search for a vital record, upon written request and payment of the prescribed fee, by an individual or entity eligible to request the record. The bill would increase the following fees:

	Current	Proposed
Search plus certified copy, administrative use copy, or statistical use copy of a vital record	\$13	\$15
Search plus copy of birth record (person 65 or older)	\$5	\$7
Additional identical copy	\$4	\$5
Authenticated copy	\$16	\$18
Additional authenticated copy	\$7	\$8
Verification of facts	\$4	\$5
Application for delayed birth or death certificate	\$26	\$30
Registration of delayed birth certificate for foreign born adopted child	\$13	\$30

At the beginning of each State fiscal year, the DCH could increase the vital records fees by a percentage, equal to not more than the average percentage wage and salary increase granted for that fiscal year to classified employees of the DCH. The Department would have to use the increased fees as the basis for calculating fee increases in subsequent fiscal years.

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Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department estimates that these fee increases would generate around \$350,000 annually. The FY 2000-01 DCH budget already assumes an increase of \$200,000, so that appropriation may have to be adjusted accordingly.

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