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H.B. No. 1353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a fee for preserving vital statistics records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 191.0045, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(d) A local registrar who issues a certified copy of a birth or death certificate shall charge the same fees as charged by the bureau of vital statistics, including the additional fee required under Subsection (e), except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (g) and (h).

(h) In addition to other fees collected under this section, a local registrar may collect a fee not to exceed \$1 for the preservation of vital statistics records maintained by the registrar, including birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, and annulment records. A fee under this section shall be collected by the registrar on the issuance of a vital statistics record.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.