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H.B. No. 1353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a fee for preserving vital statistics records.

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

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

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

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

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