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H.B. No. 2100

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to heirloom wedding anniversary certificates.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 194, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 194.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 194.005. HEIRLOOM WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE. (a) The department shall promote the sale of an heirloom wedding anniversary certificate. The department shall solicit donated designs for the certificate from Texas artists and select the best donated designs for the form of the certificate.

(b) The department shall prescribe a \$50 fee for the issuance of an heirloom wedding anniversary certificate.

(c) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules designating certain milestone wedding anniversary dates and shall design and promote heirloom wedding anniversary certificates celebrating those anniversary dates.

(d) The department shall create an heirloom wedding anniversary certificate ordering system that includes printed order forms available through the department and an online ordering system.

(e) An heirloom wedding anniversary certificate produced by the department under this section must be printed on parchment paper and be not smaller than 11 inches by 14 inches in size.

1       (f) An heirloom wedding anniversary certificate produced by  
2 the department under this section is not a marriage license under  
3 this chapter or Chapter 2, Family Code, and does not establish and  
4 may not be used to establish a marriage relationship.

5       (g) The department shall deposit proceeds it receives from  
6 the issuance of heirloom wedding anniversary certificates to the  
7 credit of the childhood immunization account. The childhood  
8 immunization account is an account in the general revenue fund.  
9 Money in the account may be used only by the department for:

10           (1) making grants to fund childhood immunizations and  
11 related education programs; and

12           (2) administering this section.

13       SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of  
14 this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall begin the  
15 process of designing the form of the heirloom wedding anniversary  
16 certificate in accordance with Section 194.005, Health and Safety  
17 Code, as added by this Act. The department may appoint an advisory  
18 committee to assist the department in soliciting donated designs  
19 and selecting the best designs.

20       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.