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H.B. No. 2101

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to heirloom birth certificates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 192.0021, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 192.0021. HEIRLOOM BIRTH CERTIFICATE. (a) The department shall ~~[may design the form of an heirloom birth certificate and may]~~ promote and sell copies of an heirloom birth ~~[the]~~ 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. ~~[An heirloom birth certificate must contain the same information as, and have the same effect of, a certified copy of another birth record.]~~ The department shall prescribe a fee for the issuance of an heirloom birth certificate in an amount that does not exceed \$50 ~~[\$30]~~. The heirloom birth certificate must be printed on parchment not smaller than 11 inches by 14 inches in size.

(b) The department shall deposit proceeds ~~[Proceeds]~~ from the sale of heirloom birth certificates to the credit of the childhood immunization account. The childhood immunization account is an account in the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by the Department of State Health Services for:

(1) making grants to fund childhood immunizations and

1 related education programs; and

2           (2) [~~shall be deposited to the credit of the general~~  
3 ~~revenue fund. An amount not to exceed the costs of administering~~  
4 ~~this section as determined by the comptroller shall be appropriated~~  
5 ~~to the department for~~] administering this section.

6           SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of  
7 this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall begin the  
8 process of redesigning the form of the heirloom birth certificate  
9 in accordance with Section 192.0021, Health and Safety Code, as  
10 amended by this Act. The department may appoint an advisory  
11 committee to assist the department in soliciting donated designs  
12 and selecting the best designs. Until the new designs are selected,  
13 the department shall continue to use the design in use on the  
14 effective date of this Act.

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