

1-1 By: Delisi (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 2101
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2005;
1-3 May 17, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to heirloom birth certificates.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 192.0021, Health and Safety Code, is
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 192.0021. HEIRLOOM BIRTH CERTIFICATE. (a) The
1-13 department shall ~~[may design the form of an heirloom birth~~
1-14 ~~certificate and may]~~ promote and sell copies of an heirloom birth
1-15 ~~[the]~~ certificate. The department shall solicit donated designs
1-16 for the certificate from Texas artists and select the best donated
1-17 designs for the form of the certificate. An heirloom birth
1-18 certificate must contain the same information as, and have the same
1-19 effect of, a certified copy of another birth record. The department
1-20 shall prescribe a fee for the issuance of an heirloom birth
1-21 certificate in an amount that does not exceed \$50 ~~[\$30]~~. The
1-22 heirloom birth certificate must be printed on high-quality paper
1-23 with the appearance of parchment not smaller than 11 inches by 14
1-24 inches.

1-25 (b) The department shall deposit 50 percent of the proceeds
1-26 [Proceeds] from the sale of heirloom birth certificates to the
1-27 credit of the childhood immunization account and the other 50
1-28 percent to the credit of the undedicated portion of the general
1-29 revenue fund. The childhood immunization account is an account in
1-30 the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by
1-31 the Department of State Health Services for:

1-32 (1) making grants to fund childhood immunizations and
1-33 related education programs; and

1-34 (2) ~~[shall be deposited to the credit of the general~~
1-35 ~~revenue fund. An amount not to exceed the costs of administering~~
1-36 ~~this section as determined by the comptroller shall be appropriated~~
1-37 ~~to the department for] administering this section.~~

1-38 (c) The department may sell an heirloom birth certificate
1-39 only for an individual born in this state.

1-40 SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of
1-41 this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall begin the
1-42 process of redesigning the form of the heirloom birth certificate
1-43 in accordance with Section 192.0021, Health and Safety Code, as
1-44 amended by this Act. The department may appoint an advisory
1-45 committee to assist the department in soliciting donated designs
1-46 and selecting the best designs. Until the new designs are selected,
1-47 the department shall continue to use the design in use on the
1-48 effective date of this Act.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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