

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1524
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to fees charged for a vital statistics record.

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

1-10 SECTION 1. Subsections (d), (g), and (h), Section 191.0045,
1-11 Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-12 (d) A local registrar or county clerk who issues a certified
1-13 copy of a birth or death certificate shall charge the same fees as
1-14 charged by the bureau of vital statistics, including the additional
1-15 fee required under Subsection (e), except as provided by
1-16 Subsections (g) and (h).

1-17 (g) A local registrar or county clerk that on March 31,
1-18 1995, was charging a fee for the issuance of a certified copy of a
1-19 birth certificate that exceeded the fee charged by the bureau of
1-20 vital statistics for the same type of certificate may continue to do
1-21 so but shall not raise this fee until the fee charged by the bureau
1-22 exceeds the fee charged by the local registrar or county clerk. A
1-23 local registrar or county clerk to which this subsection applies
1-24 shall charge the additional fee as required under Subsection (e).

1-25 (h) In addition to other fees collected under this section,
1-26 a local registrar or county clerk may collect a fee not to exceed \$1
1-27 for the preservation of vital statistics records maintained by the
1-28 registrar or county clerk, including birth, death, fetal death,
1-29 marriage, divorce, and annulment records. A fee under this section
1-30 shall be collected by the registrar or county clerk on the issuance
1-31 of a vital statistics record, including a record issued through a
1-32 Remote Birth Access site.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a fee for a vital
1-34 statistic record issued on or after September 1, 2005.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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