

AN ACT

relating to the provision of a certified copy of a birth certificate for certain minors receiving services from the Department of Family and Protective Services and to the amendment of birth and death certificates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 191.0047, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The Department of State Health Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Family and Protective Services to implement this section. Subject to Subsection (c), the ~~[The]~~ terms of the memorandum of understanding must include methods for reimbursing the Department of State Health Services in an amount that is not more than the actual costs the department incurs in verifying the birth information or providing the birth record to the Department of Family and Protective Services.

(c) The Department of State Health Services may not collect a fee or other amount for verification of birth information or provision of a certified copy of the birth record under Subsection (a) for a child in the managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services if parental rights to the child have been terminated and the child is eligible for adoption.

1           SECTION 2. Section 191.028, Health and Safety Code, is  
2 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

3           (c) Not later than the 30th business day after the date the  
4 department receives an amending certificate, the department shall  
5 notify the individual of whether the amendment has been accepted  
6 for filing.

7           SECTION 3. This Act applies only to amending certificates  
8 filed on or after the effective date of this Act. Amending  
9 certificates filed before the effective date of this Act are  
10 governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and the  
11 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

12           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 703 passed the Senate on March 19, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 703 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor