

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY McCALL, GORDNER, DALEY, STERN, LYNCH, WOJNAROSKI,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
OCTOBER 4, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An  
2 act providing for the administration of a statewide system of  
3 vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State  
4 Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and  
5 local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners,  
6 prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians,  
7 midwives and other persons; requiring reports and  
8 certificates for the registration of vital statistics;  
9 regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the  
10 disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital  
11 statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and  
12 penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating  
13 thereto," further providing for local registrars'  
14 compensation.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 304 of the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304,  
18 No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, amended  
19 December 20, 1991 (P.L.399, No.46), is amended to read:

20 Section 304. Registration Districts: Local Registrars'  
21 Compensation.--(a) Each local registrar shall be paid a fee of  
22 [one dollar (\$1)] two dollars (\$2) for each certificate  
23 transmitted in accordance with the provisions of this act or for

1 each report of no certificates filed during any calendar month.  
2 The fees prescribed by this section shall be paid by the  
3 Commonwealth from funds appropriated to the department.

4 (b) Local registrars shall issue certificates of death from  
5 original certificates of death in their possession upon  
6 completion of a period of instruction on the preparation of  
7 certificates by representatives of the Division of Vital  
8 Records. For each certificate issued, the local registrar shall  
9 receive a fee of [two dollars (\$2)] three dollars (\$3).

10 (c) A local registrar may not receive an aggregate amount of  
11 fees in excess of [thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)] fifty  
12 thousand dollars (\$50,000) in any one calendar year.

13 (d) Any regulation inconsistent with or contrary to the  
14 provisions of this section is superseded.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.