

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1259 Session of  
2017

INTRODUCED BY FREEMAN, THOMAS, READSHAW, SCHWEYER, McNEILL AND  
DeLUCA, APRIL 20, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 20, 2017

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," in registration district administration, further  
14 providing for local registrars' compensation.

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

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

20 Section 304. Registration Districts: Local Registrars'  
21 Compensation.--\* \* \*

22 (c) (1) A local registrar may not be compensated in excess  
23 of [sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)] eighty-five thousand  
24 dollars (\$85,000) in any one calendar year. Compensation shall

1 include fees received from the department under subsection (a)  
2 and retained from requesters under subsection (b).

3 (2) Upon reaching the limitation on compensation set forth  
4 under clause (1) in any one calendar year, the local registrar  
5 shall transmit all additional fees received under subsection (b)  
6 to the department for deposit as follows:

7 (i) Three dollars (\$3) shall be deposited in the Vital  
8 Statistics Improvement Fund.

9 (ii) Three dollars (\$3) shall be deposited in the General  
10 Fund.

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