

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 15, 2019

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; and making a
 15 related repeal.

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

18 Section 1. Section 304(c) of the act of June 29, 1953
 19 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is
 20 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
 21 read:

22 Section 304. Registration Districts: Local Registrars'
 23 Compensation.--* * *

24 (b.1) For the issuance of certificates of death by a local

1 registrar under section 609-A(a) (6) (ii) of the act of April 9,
2 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of
3 1929," the following shall apply:

4 (1) 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.

9 (2) Each fee received by the local registrar under section
10 609-A(a) (6) (ii) of "The Administrative Code of 1929" shall be
11 distributed, retained or transmitted to the department as
12 follows:

13 (i) The following apply:

14 (A) Except as provided under clause (B), six dollars (\$6)
15 shall be retained by the local registrar.

16 (B) If the limitation under subsection (c) (1) has been
17 reached, six dollars (\$6) shall be transmitted to the department
18 for deposit in the General Fund.

19 (ii) Thirteen dollars (\$13) shall be transmitted to the
20 department for deposit in the Vital Statistics Improvement
21 Account.

22 (iii) One dollar (\$1) shall be transmitted to the department
23 for distribution to the county coroner or medical examiner as
24 provided for under section 206.

25 (c) (1) A local registrar may not be compensated in excess
26 of [sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)] eighty-five thousand
27 dollars (\$85,000) in any one calendar year. Compensation shall
28 include fees received from the department under subsection (a)
29 and retained from requesters under subsection [(b)] (b.1).

30 (2) [Upon reaching the limitation on compensation set forth

1 under clause (1) in any one calendar year, the local registrar
2 shall transmit all additional fees received under subsection (b)
3 to the department for deposit as follows:

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

6 (ii) Three dollars (\$3) shall be deposited in the General
7 Fund.] (Reserved).

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9 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

10 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
11 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
12 section 304(b.1) of the act.

13 (2) Section 1725-E of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,
14 No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is repealed.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.