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AN ACT

To repeal section 193.265, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to vital records.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 193.265, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 193.265, to read as follows:

193.265. 1. For the issuance of a certification or copy of a death record,
2 the applicant shall pay a fee of thirteen dollars for the first certification or copy
3 and a fee of ten dollars for each additional copy ordered at that time. For the
4 issuance of a certification or copy of a birth, marriage, divorce, or fetal death
5 record, the applicant shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars. **No fee shall be
6 required or collected for a certification of birth, death, or marriage if
7 the request for certification is made by the children's division or
8 division of youth services on behalf of a child who has come under the
9 jurisdiction of the juvenile court under section 211.031.** All fees shall be
10 deposited to the state department of revenue. Beginning August 28, 2004, for
11 each vital records fee collected, the director of revenue shall credit four dollars
12 to the general revenue fund, five dollars to the children's trust fund, one dollar
13 shall be credited to the endowed care cemetery audit fund, and three dollars for
14 the first copy of death records and five dollars for birth, marriage, divorce, and
15 fetal death records shall be credited to the Missouri public services health fund
16 established in section 192.900. Money in the endowed care cemetery audit fund
17 shall be available by appropriation to the division of professional registration to
18 pay its expenses in administering sections 214.270 to 214.410. All interest
19 earned on money deposited in the endowed care cemetery audit fund shall be
20 credited to the endowed care cemetery fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of

21 section 33.080 to the contrary, money placed in the endowed care cemetery audit
22 fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of general revenue until the
23 amount in the fund at the end of the biennium exceeds three times the amount
24 of the appropriation from the endowed care cemetery audit fund for the preceding
25 fiscal year. The money deposited in the public health services fund under this
26 section shall be deposited in a separate account in the fund, and moneys in such
27 account, upon appropriation, shall be used to automate and improve the state
28 vital records system, and develop and maintain an electronic birth and death
29 registration system. For any search of the files and records, when no record is
30 found, the state shall be entitled to a fee equal to the amount for a certification
31 of a vital record for a five-year search to be paid by the applicant. For the
32 processing of each legitimation, adoption, court order or recording after the
33 registrant's twelfth birthday, the state shall be entitled to a fee equal to the
34 amount for a certification of a vital record. Except whenever a certified copy or
35 copies of a vital record is required to perfect any claim of any person on relief, or
36 any dependent of any person who was on relief for any claim upon the
37 government of the state or United States, the state registrar shall, upon request,
38 furnish a certified copy or so many certified copies as are necessary, without any
39 fee or compensation therefor.

40 2. For the issuance of a certification of a death record by the local
41 registrar, the applicant shall pay a fee of thirteen dollars for the first certification
42 or copy and a fee of ten dollars for each additional copy ordered at that time. For
43 the issuance of a certification or copy of a birth, marriage, divorce, or fetal death
44 record, the applicant shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars; except that, in any county
45 with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but
46 fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, a donation of one dollar may be
47 collected by the local registrar over and above any fees required by law when a
48 certification or copy of any marriage license or birth certificate is provided, with
49 such donations collected to be forwarded monthly by the local registrar to the
50 county treasurer of such county and the donations so forwarded to be deposited
51 by the county treasurer into the housing resource commission fund to assist
52 homeless families and provide financial assistance to organizations addressing
53 homelessness in such county. The local registrar shall include a check-off box on
54 the application form for such copies. All fees, other than the donations collected
55 in any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred
56 thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants for marriage

57 licenses and birth certificates, shall be deposited to the official city or county
58 health agency. A certified copy of a death record by the local registrar can only
59 be issued within twenty-four hours of receipt of the record by the local
60 registrar. Computer-generated certifications of death records may be issued by
61 the local registrar after twenty-four hours of receipt of the records. The fees paid
62 to the official county health agency shall be retained by the local agency for local
63 public health purposes.

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