

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1963 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY PIELLI, WEBSTER, D. MILLER, HILL-EVANS, McNEILL, GUENST, SHUSTERMAN, MENTZER, SANCHEZ, VENKAT, CERRATO, PARKER, WATRO, KINSEY, MALAGARI, ROZZI, GALLAGHER, HARKINS, BOYD, PASHINSKI, DONAHUE, DEASY, STEELE, HANBIDGE, KENYATTA, GIRAL, BOROWSKI, STEHR, PROBST, HADDOCK, NEILSON, SCOTT, DALEY, JOZWIAK, KHAN, DELLOSO AND GREEN, JANUARY 31, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 31, 2024

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 records, further providing for fees for copies.

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

16 Section 1. Section 807(c) of the act of June 29, 1953  
 17 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is  
 18 amended to read:

19 Section 807. Records: Fees for Copies.--\* \* \*

20 (c) No fee shall be charged for certified copies of records  
 21 or parts thereof furnished [members] to:

1       (1) a member of the armed forces of the United States [~~and~~  
2 ~~their dependents~~] during [~~their~~] the member's term of active  
3 service and after [~~their death in service or~~] the member's  
4 honorable discharge therefrom[.]; and

5       (2) the surviving spouse and dependents of a member of the  
6 armed forces of the United States during a term of active  
7 service and after the member's death, whether or not in service,  
8 or the member's honorable discharge therefrom.

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