



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 831

November 14, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives KESTELL and SEIDEL, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 69.22 (1) (c), 69.22 (1) (c), 69.22 (1m), 69.22 (5) (b) 2. and 69.22
2 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing birth certificate fees and
3 making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state registrar or a local registrar must charge \$12 for issuing either a certified copy or an uncertified copy of a birth certificate and \$3 for issuing any additional certified or uncertified copy of the same birth certificate issued at the same time. Of the \$12, \$7 must be forwarded to the secretary of administration for deposit in program revenue appropriations for the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (CANPB), to be used for CANPB expenses, for the Early Childhood Family Education Center Grant Program, for technical assistance, and for grants to organizations for services related to child abuse and neglect. Also under current law, the state registrar must charge, for the filing of a birth certificate more than 365 days after the birth, \$20 plus a fee of \$5 for issuance of the birth certificate. If a local registrar issues the birth certificate copies, the local registrar keeps for local vital statistics operations the amount of the fee that remains after the required amount is forwarded to CANPB. If the state registrar issues the birth certificate copies, the amount of the fee remaining after the required amount is forwarded to CANPB is credited to an appropriation account of the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), together with other fees for licensing, review, and certifying activities; these moneys must be used for, among other things, state operations related to vital statistics.

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Effective July 1, 2006, this bill increases the fee for issuance of a certified or uncertified copy of a birth certificate from \$12 to \$15; before July 1, 2010, the bill increases, from \$7 to \$9, the amount that must be forwarded to the secretary of administration for deposit in program revenue appropriations for CANPB, and, beginning July 1, 2010, the bill increases this sum to \$10. In addition, the bill increases the fee for issuance of any additional certified or uncertified copy of the same birth certificate issued at the same time to \$4, effective July 1, 2006. Lastly, the bill increases, from \$5 to \$15, the fee for issuance of a certified or uncertified copy of a birth certificate when filing for the birth certificate is more than 365 days after the birth, and clarifies that \$9 of the \$15 must also be forwarded for deposit in appropriations for CANPB; and, beginning July 1, 2010, the amount so forwarded increases to \$10.

As under current law, the amounts of the fees remaining after the required CANPB deductions have been made are kept by the local registrar for local vital statistics operations or deposited in the county general fund, or are credited to the DHFS appropriation account for state operations related to vital statistics, depending on whether a local registrar or the state registrar issues the birth certificate copies.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 69.22 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 69.22 (1) (c) ~~Twelve~~ Fifteen dollars for issuing an uncertified copy of a birth
3 certificate or a certified copy of a birth certificate, ~~\$7~~ \$9 of which shall be forwarded
4 to the secretary of administration as provided in sub. (1m) and credited to the
5 appropriations under s. 20.433 (1) (g) and (h); and ~~\$3~~ \$4 for issuing any additional
6 certified or uncertified copy of the same birth certificate issued at the same time.

7 **SECTION 2.** 69.22 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
8 (this act), is amended to read:

9 69.22 (1) (c) Fifteen dollars for issuing an uncertified copy of a birth certificate
10 or a certified copy of a birth certificate, ~~\$9~~ \$10 of which shall be forwarded to the
11 secretary of administration as provided in sub. (1m) and credited to the

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1 appropriations under s. 20.433 (1) (g) and (h); and \$4 for issuing any additional
2 certified or uncertified copy of the same birth certificate issued at the same time.

3 **SECTION 3.** 69.22 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 69.22 (1m) The state registrar and any local registrar acting under this
5 subchapter shall, for each copy of a birth certificate for which a fee under sub. (1) (c)
6 or (5) (b) 2. is charged that is issued during a calendar quarter, forward to the
7 secretary of administration for deposit in the appropriations under s. 20.433 (1) (g)
8 and (h) the amounts specified in sub. (1) (c) or (5) (b) 2. by the 15th day of the first
9 month following the end of the calendar quarter.

10 **SECTION 4.** 69.22 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 69.22 (5) (b) 2. The filing of a birth certificate under s. 69.14 (2) (b) 5. The To
12 the fee under this subdivision includes the search for the birth certificate and the
13 first copy of the certificate except that the state registrar shall add to the \$20 fee, the
14 \$5 shall be added the \$15 fee required under sub. (1) (c). Of the \$15 fee, \$9 shall be
15 forwarded to the secretary of administration as provided in sub. (1m) and credited
16 to the appropriations under s. 20.433 (1) (g) and (h).

17 **SECTION 5.** 69.22 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
18 (this act), is amended to read:

19 69.22 (5) (b) 2. The filing of a birth certificate under s. 69.14 (2) (b) 5. To the
20 fee under this subdivision shall be added the \$15 fee required under sub. (1) (c). Of
21 the \$15 fee, \$9 \$10 shall be forwarded to the secretary of administration as provided
22 in sub. (1m) and credited to the appropriations under s. 20.433 (1) (g) and (h).

23 **SECTION 6. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on July 1, 2006, except as
24 follows:

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SECTION 6

1 (1) The treatment of sections 69.22 (1) (c) (by SECTION 2) and (5) (b) 2. (by
2 SECTION 5) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2010.

3 **(END)**