

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2461

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KENDRICK.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 193.265, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to birth certificates for homeless veterans.

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*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Section A. Section 193.265, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 193.265, to read as follows: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, the applicant shall pay a fee of thirteen dollars for the first certification or copy and a fee of ten dollars for each additional copy ordered at that time. For the issuance of a certification or copy of a birth, marriage, divorce, or fetal death record, the applicant shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars. All fees shall be deposited to the state department of revenue. Beginning August 28, 2004, for each vital records fee collected, the director of revenue shall credit four dollars to the general revenue fund, five dollars to the children's trust fund, one dollar shall be credited to the endowed care cemetery audit fund, and three dollars for the first copy of death records and five dollars for birth, marriage, divorce, and fetal death records shall be credited to the Missouri public services health fund established in section 192.900. Money in the endowed care cemetery audit fund shall be available by appropriation to the division of professional registration to pay its expenses in administering sections 214.270 to 214.410. All interest earned on money deposited in the endowed care cemetery audit fund shall be credited to the endowed care cemetery fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, money placed in the endowed care cemetery audit fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of general revenue until the amount in the fund at the end of the biennium exceeds three times the amount of the appropriation from the endowed care cemetery audit fund for the preceding fiscal year. The

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 money deposited in the public health services fund under this section shall be deposited in a  
19 separate account in the fund, and moneys in such account, upon appropriation, shall be used to  
20 automate and improve the state vital records system, and develop and maintain an electronic  
21 birth and death registration system. For any search of the files and records, when no record is  
22 found, the state shall be entitled to a fee equal to the amount for a certification of a vital record  
23 for a five-year search to be paid by the applicant. For the processing of each legitimation,  
24 adoption, court order or recording after the registrant's twelfth birthday, the state shall be entitled  
25 to a fee equal to the amount for a certification of a vital record. Except whenever a certified copy  
26 or copies of a vital record is required to perfect any claim of any person on relief, or any  
27 dependent of any person who was on relief for any claim upon the government of the state or  
28 United States, the state registrar shall, upon request, furnish a certified copy or so many certified  
29 copies as are necessary, without any fee or compensation therefor.

30         2. For the issuance of a certification of a death record by the local registrar, the applicant  
31 shall pay a fee of thirteen dollars for the first certification or copy and a fee of ten dollars for each  
32 additional copy ordered at that time. For the issuance of a certification or copy of a birth,  
33 marriage, divorce, or fetal death record, the applicant shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars; except  
34 that, in any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand  
35 but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, a donation of one dollar may be collected  
36 by the local registrar over and above any fees required by law when a certification or copy of any  
37 marriage license or birth certificate is provided, with such donations collected to be forwarded  
38 monthly by the local registrar to the county treasurer of such county and the donations so  
39 forwarded to be deposited by the county treasurer into the housing resource commission fund to  
40 assist homeless families and provide financial assistance to organizations addressing  
41 homelessness in such county. The local registrar shall include a check-off box on the application  
42 form for such copies. All fees, other than the donations collected in any county with a charter  
43 form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred  
44 thousand inhabitants for marriage licenses and birth certificates, shall be deposited to the official  
45 city or county health agency. A certified copy of a death record by the local registrar can only  
46 be issued within twenty-four hours of receipt of the record by the local registrar.  
47 Computer-generated certifications of death records may be issued by the local registrar after  
48 twenty-four hours of receipt of the records. The fees paid to the official county health agency  
49 shall be retained by the local agency for local public health purposes.

50         **3. The fee for birth certificates in subsections 1 and 2 of this section shall not apply**  
51 **to homeless veterans or their immediate family members. For the purposes of this section,**  
52 **an immediate family member shall include the veteran's spouse, children, parents, and**  
53 **siblings. Immediate family members include step, half, and adoptive relationships.**

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