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May 1, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 541, an Act relating to the fee and use of fee for a certificate of birth.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 541

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FEE AND USE OF FEE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 144.13A, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

144.13A FEES -- USE OF FUNDS.

1. The state registrar shall charge the parent a ~~ten dollar~~ fee for the registration of a certificate of birth ~~and~~ a as follows:

a. Beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, a fee of fifteen dollars.

b. Beginning July 1, 2005, a fee of twenty dollars.

2. The state registrar shall charge the parent a separate fee established under section 144.46 for a certified copy of the certificate. The certified copy shall be mailed to the parent by the state registrar.

3. If the person responsible for the filing of the certificate of birth under section 144.13 is not the parent, the person is entitled to collect the fee from the parent. The fee shall be remitted to the state registrar. If the expenses of the birth are reimbursed under the medical assistance program established by chapter 249A, or paid for under the statewide indigent patient care program established by chapter 255, or paid for under the obstetrical and newborn indigent patient care program established by chapter 255A, or if the parent is indigent and unable to pay the expenses of the birth and no other means of payment is available to the parent, the registration fee and certified copy fee are waived. If the person responsible for the filing of the certificate is not the parent, the person is discharged from the duty to collect and remit the fee under this section if the person has made a good faith effort to collect the fee from the parent.

4. The fees collected by the state registrar shall be remitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in the general fund of the state.

a. It is the intent of the general assembly that the funds generated from the registration fees be appropriated and used as follows:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, ten dollars of each fee for primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs, and five dollars of each fee for the birth defects institute central registry established pursuant to section 136A.6.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2005, ten dollars of each fee for primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs, and ten dollars of each fee for the birth defects institute central registry established pursuant to section 136A.6.

b. It is the intent of the general assembly that the funds generated from the fees as established under section 144.46 for the mailing of the certified copy of the birth certificate be appropriated and used to support the distribution of the

automatic birth certificate and the implementation of the electronic birth certificate system.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House



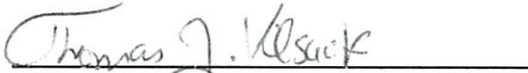
MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 541, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 1, 2003



THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor