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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

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Approved April 27, 1993

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vital records by directing the Iowa department  
2 of public health to implement a vital records modernization  
3 project and providing an appropriation.

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

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HF 541

1 Section 1. VITAL RECORDS MODERNIZATION PROJECT.

2 1. The Iowa department of public health shall develop and  
3 implement a four-year project for modernizing vital records  
4 during the period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30,  
5 1997. The project shall include provisions for purchase of an  
6 electronic system for vital records scanning, data capture,  
7 storage, retrieval, and issuance activities. Other project  
8 provisions shall include streamlining of administrative  
9 procedures and electronically linking offices of clerks of the  
10 district court with the state vital records so the records may  
11 be issued at the county level.

12 2. The department shall adopt rules providing for an  
13 increase in the fees charged by the state registrar for vital  
14 records services pursuant to section 144.46. The fee increase  
15 implemented pursuant to this section shall not apply to the  
16 fees charged by the clerks of the district court for vital  
17 records services. The increased fee shall apply for the  
18 period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, 1997. The  
19 fee increase shall be in an amount necessary to implement the  
20 vital records modernization project in accordance with the  
21 provisions of subsection 1. The revenue derived from the  
22 amount of the fee increase is appropriated to the Iowa  
23 department of public health for the duration of the project  
24 and shall be used for the costs of the project.

25 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated to the  
26 department pursuant to this section which remain unexpended at  
27 the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund  
28 of the state but shall remain available in the succeeding  
29 fiscal year for the purposes for which they were appropriated.

30 3. The project shall be completed on or before June 30,  
31 1997, and existing vital records shall be converted to the  
32 electronic system by that date. Moneys appropriated pursuant  
33 to this section which remain unexpended on June 30, 1997,  
34 shall revert to the general fund of the state. For the fiscal  
35 year beginning July 1, 1997, and succeeding fiscal years, the

1 provisions of section 144.46, requiring the vital records fee  
2 to be set by rule based on the average administrative costs,  
3 shall apply.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill relates to vital records by directing the Iowa  
6 department of public health to implement a vital records  
7 modernization project and provides an appropriation.

8 The bill specifies provisions of the project which include  
9 electronic storage and retrieval of vital records and  
10 capability for clerks of court to access the records and issue  
11 copies at the local level. The modernization project is to  
12 encompass the period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June  
13 30, 1997. The department is directed to adopt rules providing  
14 an increase in the fees charged by the state registrar for  
15 vital records services in an amount necessary to pay the costs  
16 of the modernization project. The increase is to apply during  
17 the project period and the amount of the fee increase is  
18 appropriated to the department for the costs of the project.  
19 Unexpended moneys do not revert to the general fund of the  
20 state at the end of the fiscal year.

21 The vital records modernization project is to be completed  
22 by June 30, 1997. Moneys remaining unexpended on that date  
23 revert to the general fund of the state. Beginning with the  
24 succeeding fiscal year, FY 1997-1998, the fee amount shall be  
25 set again in accordance with current law, which is based upon  
26 administrative costs.

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FISCAL NOTE

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A fiscal note for House File 541 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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House File 541 implements a vital records modernization project within the Department of Public Health (DPH). The bill specifies provisions of the project which include electronic storage and retrieval of vital records and capability for clerks of court to access the records and issue copies at the local level. The bill directs the DPH to adopt rules providing an increase in the fees charged by the State Registrar for Vital Records Services in an amount necessary to pay the costs of the project. The project is to be completed by June 30, 1997. The fee amount will then be set in accordance with current law.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. An estimated 75,000 copies of vital records are issued annually by the DPH.
2. The cost per copy will be increased from \$6 to \$10.
3. The cost of modernization will be the same as the cost of modernization in the State of Kansas, where a similar project was undertaken in 1990.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House File 541 will have no net impact on the General Fund. The increase of \$4 per copy requested from Vital Records will generate \$300,000 per year for each of the 4 years of the project, for a total of \$1.2 million. The cost of the project will be approximately \$1.2 million over 4 years. Consequently, the program would have no impact on the General Fund from FY 1994 through FY 1997.

In the years beyond FY 1997, the volume of certified copies issued at the State level may be decreased as an increasing number of copies would be issued at the local level. The increased efficiencies will likely result in a long term reduction in administrative costs. Because fees are to be set in accordance with administrative costs, there would be no direct net change to the General Fund.

SOURCES:

DPH

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FILED MARCH 19, 1993

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

HOUSE FILE 541

AN ACT

RELATING TO VITAL RECORDS BY DIRECTING THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT A VITAL RECORDS MODERNIZATION PROJECT AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. VITAL RECORDS MODERNIZATION PROJECT.

1. The Iowa department of public health shall develop and implement a four-year project for modernizing vital records during the period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, 1997. The project shall include provisions for purchase of an electronic system for vital records scanning, data capture, storage, retrieval, and issuance activities. Other project provisions shall include streamlining of administrative procedures and electronically linking offices of clerks of the district court with the state vital records so the records may be issued at the county level.

2. The department shall adopt rules providing for an increase in the fees charged by the state registrar for vital records services pursuant to section 144.46. The fee increase implemented pursuant to this section shall not apply to the fees charged by the clerks of the district court for vital records services. The increased fee shall apply for the period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, 1997. The fee increase shall be in an amount necessary to implement the vital records modernization project in accordance with the provisions of subsection 1. The revenue derived from the amount of the fee increase is appropriated to the Iowa department of public health for the duration of the project and shall be used for the costs of the project.

Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated to the department pursuant to this section which remain unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund

of the state but shall remain available in the succeeding fiscal year for the purposes for which they were appropriated.

3. The project shall be completed on or before June 30, 1997, and existing vital records shall be converted to the electronic system by that date. Moneys appropriated pursuant to this section which remain unexpended on June 30, 1997, shall revert to the general fund of the state. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and succeeding fiscal years, the provisions of section 144.46, requiring the vital records fee to be set by rule based on the average administrative costs, shall apply.

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HAROLD VAN MAAMEN  
Speaker of the House

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LEONARD L. ROSWELL  
President of the Senate

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

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ELIZABETH ISAACSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved: *April 27, 1993*

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor