

Withdrawn
4/10/03

FEB 21 2003
HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 263
BY MURPHY and MADDOX

Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the fee and use of fee for a certificate of
2 birth.

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

- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25

HF 263

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

3 144.13A FEES -- USE OF FUNDS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 a. It is the intent of the general assembly that the funds
35 generated from the registration fees be appropriated and used

1 as follows:

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

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

11 b. It is the intent of the general assembly that the funds
12 generated from the fees as established under section 144.46
13 for the mailing of the certified copy of the birth certificate
14 be appropriated and used to support the distribution of the
15 automatic birth certificate and the implementation of the
16 electronic birth certificate system.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill increases the fee for the registration of a birth
19 certificate to \$15 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30,
20 2005, and to \$20 beginning July 1, 2005, in order to provide
21 funding for the birth defects institute central registry.
22 Currently, the fee for registration of a birth certificate is
23 \$10 and the funds generated from collection of the fees are
24 used for primary and secondary child abuse prevention
25 programs. Under the bill, during the period from July 1,
26 2003, until June 30, 2005, of the \$15 fee, \$10 would still be
27 used to fund primary and secondary child abuse prevention
28 programs and the increase of \$5 would be used to fund the
29 birth defects institute central registry. Under the bill,
30 beginning July 1, 2005, of the \$20 fee, \$10 would still be
31 used to fund primary and secondary child abuse prevention
32 programs and the increase of \$10 would be used to fund the
33 birth defects institute central registry.

34
35

Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Fiscal Note

HF 263 - Birth Defects Registry (LSB 1818 HH)
 Analyst: Lisa Burk (Phone: (515) 281-7942) (lisa.burk@legis.state.ia.us)
 Fiscal Note Version - New

Description

House File 263 increases the registration fee for a birth certificate from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for FY 2004 and FY 2005. Ten dollars of each fee will continue to fund primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs, and \$5.00 will provide funding for the Birth Defects Institute Central Registry.

Effective July 1, 2005, HF 263 increases the registration fee for a birth certificate from \$15.00 to \$20.00. Ten dollars will continue to fund the primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs, and \$10.00 will fund the Birth Defects Institute Central Registry.

Assumptions

1. Fees will be collected for an estimated 24,000 births each year.
2. All payers not subject to a waiver will pay the increased fee.
3. Revenue from the collection of fees will total an estimated \$360,000 (24,000 x \$15.00) in both FY 2004 and FY 2005, and an estimated \$480,000 (24,000 x \$20.00) in FY 2006.
4. Of the revenue collected in both FY 2004 and FY 2005, an estimated \$240,000 (24,000 x \$10.00) will be used for primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs and an estimated \$120,000 (24,000 x \$5.00) will be used for the Birth Defects Institute Central Registry.
5. Of the revenue collected in FY 2006, an estimated \$240,000 (24,000 x \$10.00) will be used for primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs and an estimated \$240,000 (24,000 x \$10.00) will be used for the Birth Defects Institute Central Registry.
6. The Department of Public Health will absorb all costs associated with administering the fee collection process, revising materials, and training personnel, as none of the fees are allocated for administrative costs.
7. There are no current or anticipated future costs to the Birth Defects Institute associated with the issuance of birth certificates.

Fiscal Impact

House File 263 is expected to have the following impact on revenues generated by the birth registration fees collected:

	Birth Registration Fees								
	FY 2004			FY 2005			FY 2006		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Revenue									
Fees	\$ 240,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 240,000
Distribution									
Child Abuse Prevention	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 0	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 0	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 0
Birth Defects Institute	0	120,000	120,000	0	120,000	120,000	0	240,000	240,000
Total	\$ 240,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 240,000

House File 263 is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact for the Department of Public Health.

Source

Department of Public Health

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

March 17, 2003
