

**Senate File 2391 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2283)

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the charging of fees relating to copies of  
2 adoption decrees and certifications of adoption delivered by  
3 the clerk of court to specified entities.

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

1 Section 1. Section 600.13, subsection 5, Code 2018, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. An interlocutory or a final adoption decree shall be  
4 entered with the clerk of court. Such decree shall set forth  
5 any facts of the adoption petition which have been proven to  
6 the satisfaction of the juvenile court or court and any other  
7 facts considered to be relevant by the juvenile court or court  
8 and shall grant the adoption petition. If so designated in  
9 the adoption decree, the name of the adopted person shall be  
10 changed by issuance of that decree. The clerk of the court  
11 shall, within thirty days of issuance, deliver one certified  
12 copy of any adoption decree to the petitioner at no charge,  
13 one copy of any adoption decree to the department and any  
14 adoption service provider who placed a minor person for  
15 adoption at no charge, and one certification of adoption as  
16 prescribed in [section 144.19](#) to the state registrar of vital  
17 statistics ~~at no charge~~. Upon receipt of the certification,  
18 the state registrar shall prepare a new birth certificate  
19 pursuant to [section 144.23](#) and deliver to the parents named  
20 in the decree and any adult person adopted by the decree a  
21 copy of the new birth certificate. The parents shall pay the  
22 fee prescribed in [section 144.46](#). If the person adopted was  
23 born outside this state but in the United States, the state  
24 registrar shall forward the certification of adoption to the  
25 appropriate agency in the state of birth. A copy of any  
26 interlocutory adoption decree vacation shall be delivered and  
27 another birth certificate shall be prepared in the same manner  
28 as a certification of adoption is delivered and the birth  
29 certificate was originally prepared.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill requires the clerk of court to deliver, within 30  
34 days of issuance of an adoption decree, one certified copy of  
35 any adoption decree to the petitioner at no charge, one copy

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1 of any adoption decree to the department of public health and  
2 any adoption service provider who placed a minor person for  
3 adoption at no charge, and one certification of adoption as  
4 prescribed in Code section 144.19 to the state registrar of  
5 vital statistics. Code section 144.19 provides that a fee,  
6 established by the department of public health based on average  
7 administrative cost, shall be collected for the preparation of  
8 a certificate of adoption.