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WAYS AND MEANS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fees imposed for certified copies of death
2 certificates.

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

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HC 455

1 Section 1. Section 144.46, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 144.46 FEE FOR COPY OF RECORD.

4 1. The Except as provided in subsection 2, the department
5 by rule shall establish fees based on the average
6 administrative cost which shall be collected by the state
7 registrar or the county registrar for each certified copy or
8 short form certification of certificates or records, or for a
9 search of the files or records when no copy is made, or when
10 no record is found on file.

11 2. The state registrar or the county registrar shall
12 charge a fee of fifteen dollars for the first certified copy
13 of a death certificate, and ten dollars for each additional
14 certified copy of a death certificate ordered at the same
15 time, which fees include the fees collected pursuant to
16 section 331.605, subsection 6.

17 3. Fees collected by the state registrar and by the county
18 registrar on behalf of the state under this section shall be
19 deposited in the general fund of the state. Fees collected by
20 the county registrar pursuant to section 331.605, subsection
21 6, shall be deposited in the county general fund. A fee shall
22 not be collected from a political subdivision or agency of
23 this state.

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EXPLANATION

26 This bill provides that the state registrar or the county
27 registrar shall charge a fee of \$15 for the first certified
28 copy of a death certificate, and \$10 for each additional
29 certified copy of a death certificate ordered at the same
30 time. The bill specifically sets out these fees in a new
31 subsection of Code section 144.46, which more generally
32 provides that the Iowa department of public health shall
33 establish fees for copies of record by rule based on the
34 average administrative cost incurred by the state registrar or
35 county registrar.

1 Current provisions regarding the deposit of fees collected
2 by the state registrar and by the county registrar in the
3 general fund of the state, and deposit in the county general
4 fund of fees retained by the county registrar pursuant to Code
5 section 331.605, subsection 6, continue to be applicable to
6 certified copies of death certificates.

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