

Article - Health - General

4-217.

~~{c}-{1}-Except-as-otherwise-provided-by-law,-the-Department shall--collect--a--\$3-fee-for-each-certified-or-abridged-copy-of-a birth,-death,-fetal-death,-or--marriage--certificate--or--for--a report--that--a--search--of--the-files-was-made-and-the-requested record-is-not-on-file.~~

~~{2}-FOR-EACH-CERTIFIED-OR-ABRIDGED-COPY--OF--A--BIRTH CERTIFICATE,-THE-DEPARTMENT-SHALL:~~

~~{i}-COLLECT-AN-ADDITIONAL-\$3-\$2-FEE,-AND~~

~~{ii}-REMIT-THE-ADDITIONAL-FEE-TO-THE-OFFICE-FOR CHILDREN-AND-YOUTH-FOR-THE-USE-OF-THE-CHILDREN'S-TRUST-FUND-UNDER ARTICLE-49D,-§-4A-OF-THE-CODE.~~

~~{2}-{3}-The-Department-may-not-collect-a-fee-for-a certificate-requested-by-an-agency-of-this-State-or--any--of--its political-subdivisions.~~

~~{3}-{4}-The-Secretary--may--waive-all-or-part-of-a fee-if-chargeable-to-an-agency-of-the-United-States.~~

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall provide, on request, any person authorized by [rules and] regulations adopted under this subtitle with a certified or abridged copy of a birth, death, or fetal death certificate registered under this subtitle or of the certificate of a marriage performed after June 1, 1951.

(2) (I) THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE ON REQUEST, TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A COMMEMORATIVE BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SET A FEE FOR THE COMMEMORATIVE BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

(III) THE COMMEMORATIVE BIRTH CERTIFICATE SHALL:

1. BE IN A FORM CONSISTENT WITH THE NEED TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF VITAL RECORDS BUT SUITABLE FOR DISPLAY; AND

2. HAVE THE SAME STATUS AS EVIDENCE AS THE ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

(IV) FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE PAID INTO THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND.