WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1982

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 466

(By Mr. Wise)

PASSED March 13, 1982
In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-eight, article five, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to state registrar of vital statistics; increasing the maximum fee allowed to be charged for certified copies of certificates or records and searches; and authorizing certain portion of fee to be deposited in special account.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twenty-eight, article five, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. VITAL STATISTICS.

§16-5-28. Fees for copies and searches.

(a) The state director of the department of health shall prescribe the fees, if any, to be charged and collected by the state registrar of vital statistics, for certified copies of certificates or records, not to exceed five dollars per copy, or for a search of the files or records when no copy is made: Provided, That the state registrar shall, upon request of any parent or guardian, supply without fee a certificate limited to a statement as to the date of birth of any child when the same shall be necessary for admission to school, or for the purpose of securing employment: Provided, however, That the state registrar may furnish certified copies of birth and death records to the state welfare department, and to organized charities, free of charge, when such certificates are needed.
presenting claims to the federal government, or to
the state department of welfare, and an accurate record
shall be made of all such certificates so furnished.
(b) After the first day of July, one thousand nine hun-
dred eighty-two, and subject to the provisions set forth
in section two, article two, chapter twelve of this code,
there is established in the state treasury a separate ac-
count which shall be designated "the vital statistics
account."
The director of health shall promptly deposit two fifths
of all fees received under the provisions of this section to
the vital statistics account. The director of health shall
promptly deposit three fifths of all fees received under
the provisions of this section to the general revenue fund
account.
The director of health is authorized to expend the
moneys deposited in the vital statistics account in ac-
cordance with the laws of this state as is necessary to
implement this article. The Legislature shall appropriate
all moneys in the vital statistics account as part of the
annual state budget beginning with the fiscal year one
thousand nine hundred eighty-three—eighty-four.
The director shall make an annual report to the Legis-
lature on the vital statistics account, including the pre-
vious fiscal year's expenditures and projected expendi-
tures for the next fiscal year.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Tony E. Whitlow
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

Judd C. Smith
Clerk of the Senate

Laura Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Warren R. McHarg
President of the Senate

J. A. E. Lee, Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within ______ is approved ______ this the ______ day of ______, 1982.

[Signature]
Governor