

Legislative Analysis



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HEIRLOOM BIRTH CERTIFICATE FEE

House Bill 5057 (reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Posthumus Lyons

Committee: Families, Children, and Seniors

Complete to 1-26-12

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5057 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

The bill would amend Section 2882a of the Public Health Code to establish a \$40 fee for each heirloom birth certificate issued by the State Registrar. Under the bill, the registrar would transmit \$20 of each fee to the State Treasurer for deposit as a gift or donation into the Children's Trust Fund.

(Currently the Code requires the Department of Community Health to promulgate rules to establish the amount of the fee for each separate design of an heirloom certificate of birth.)

MCL 333.2882a

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amount of costs and revenue created by House Bill 5057 is not known for the State Registrar and the Department of Community Health (DCH) or for the Children's Trust Fund administered by Department of Human Services. No heirloom birth certificates have been issued to date. DCH indicates that requests processed in other states with similar provisions total no more than 1,000 per year to date. If the number of heirloom birth certificates ordered is 500 annually, total revenue generated will be \$20,000, with \$10,000 deposited to the Children's Trust Fund and \$10,000 covering the DCH costs of heirloom birth certificate processing and promotion.

POSITIONS:

Department of Community Health supports the bill. (1-17-12)

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