

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. If any provision of this 1979 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 52

[Senate Bill No. 2060]

### VITAL STATISTICS—LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS

AN ACT Relating to vital statistics; amending section 43.20.090, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 36, chapter 42, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 43.20.090; amending section 2, chapter 83, Laws of 1907 as last amended by section 4, chapter 106, Laws of 1951 and RCW 70.58.010; and amending section 3, chapter 83, Laws of 1907 as last amended by section 5, chapter 5, Laws of 1961 ex. sess. and RCW 70.58.020.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 43.20.090, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 36, chapter 42, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 43.20.090 are each amended to read as follows:

The state registrar shall, upon request, furnish an applicant with a certified copy of the record of any birth, death, fetal death, marriage or decree of divorce, annulment or separate maintenance, registered under the provision of law, or that portion of the record of any birth which shows the child's full name, sex, date of birth, and date of filing of the certificate, for the making and certification of which he shall charge a fee of three dollars to be paid by the applicant: PROVIDED, That no fee shall be demanded or required for furnishing a certified copy of a birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, annulment, or separate maintenance record for use in connection with a claim for compensation or pension pending before the veterans administration.

For any search of the files and the records when no certified copy is made, the state registrar shall be entitled to a fee of three dollars for each hour or fractional part of an hour employed in such search, to be paid by the applicant.

The state department of health shall keep a true and correct account of all fees received and turn the same over to the state treasurer on or before the first day of January, April, July, and October.

Health officers in cities of the first class may, upon request, furnish certified copies of the records of birth, death, and fetal death, and shall charge the same fee as hereinabove provided, and shall be entitled to charge for

searching of records when no certified copy is made the same fee as hereinabove provided. All such fees collected shall be paid to the jurisdictional health department: PROVIDED, That health officers of cities of the first class may issue certified copies only if they have an original certificate in their possession at the time of issuance of a certified copy or a copy of the original certificate transmitted to the state registrar which was produced by a photographic or other exact reproduction method. Health officers of counties or districts (~~(normally served by full time health officers)~~) may, upon request, furnish certified copies of the records of birth, death, and fetal death, and shall charge the same fee as hereinabove provided, during the period that the original certificates are in their possession prior to transmittal of the original certificates to the state registrar. All such fees collected shall be paid to the jurisdictional health department. Certified copy forms used by health officers furnishing certified copies while the original records are temporarily in their possession shall be supplied or approved by the state registrar and no other forms shall be used.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 83, Laws of 1907 as last amended by section 4, chapter 106, Laws of 1951 and RCW 70.58.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Each city of the first class shall constitute a primary registration district and each county and the territory of counties jointly comprising a health district, exclusive of the portion included within cities of the first class, (~~(served by full time health officers)~~) shall constitute a primary registration area. All other counties and municipal areas not included in the foregoing shall be divided into registration areas by the state registrar as he may deem essential to obtain the most efficient registration of vital events as provided by law.

Sec. 3. Section 3, chapter 83, Laws of 1907 as last amended by section 5, chapter 5, Laws of 1961 ex. sess. and RCW 70.58.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Under the direction and control of the state registrar, the health officer of each city of the first class shall be the local registrar in and for the primary registration district under his supervision as health officer and the health officer of each county and district health department (~~(normally served by a full-time health officer)~~) shall be the local registrar in and for the registration area which he supervises as health officer and shall serve as such as long as he performs the registration duties as prescribed by law. He may be removed as local registrar of the registration area which he serves by the state board of health upon its finding of evidence of neglect in the performance of his duties as such registrar. The state registrar shall appoint local registrars for those registration areas not included in the foregoing and also in areas where the state board of health has removed the health officer from this position as registrar.

Each local registrar, subject to the approval of the state registrar, shall appoint in writing a sufficient number of deputy registrars to administer the laws relating to vital statistics, and shall certify the appointment of such deputies to the state registrar. Deputy registrars shall act in the case of absence, death, illness or disability of the local registrar, or such other conditions as may be deemed sufficient cause to require their services.

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## CHAPTER 53

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2144]

### REWARDS—COUNTIES, STATE

AN ACT Relating to rewards; amending section 1, page 124, Laws of 1886 as amended by section 1, chapter 25, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 10.85.030; amending section 3, page 124, Laws of 1886 and RCW 10.85.040; amending section 2, page 124, Laws of 1886 and RCW 10.85.050; amending section 43.06.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 15, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.06.010; repealing section 52, page 84, Laws of 1854, section 58, page 192, Laws of 1873, section 852, Code of 1881 and RCW 10.85.010; repealing section 1, page 283, Laws of 1877, section 1290, Code of 1881 and RCW 10.85.020; repealing section 2, page 284, Laws of 1877, section 1291, Code of 1881, section 9, chapter 106, Laws of 1973 and RCW 10.85.025; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 1, page 124, Laws of 1886 as amended by section 1, chapter 25, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 10.85.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislative ~~((authorities of the several counties of))~~ authority of any county in the state, when in ((their)) its opinion the public good requires it, ((are)) is hereby authorized to offer and pay a suitable reward, not to exceed five hundred dollars in any one case, to any person or persons ~~((who, in consequence of such offer apprehends, brings back, and secures any person or persons, convicted of or charged with any criminal offense, if the offense be a felony))~~ for information leading to:

(a) The arrest of a specified person or persons convicted of or charged with any criminal offense; or

(b) The arrest and conviction of a person or persons committing a specified criminal offense.

In the event of crimes against county property, including but not limited to road signs, vehicles, buildings, or any other type of county property, the legislative authority of any county may offer and pay a suitable reward, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars in any one case, to any person or persons who shall furnish information ~~((or testimony))~~ leading to the arrest and