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## SENATE BILL NO. 258

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-273 of the Code of Virginia, relating to fee for certified copies and searches of vital records.*

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Referred to the Committee on Education and Health

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 32.1-273 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-273. Fees for certified copies, searches of files, etc.; disposition.

A. The Board shall prescribe the fee, not to exceed ~~five~~ *eight* dollars, for a certified copy of a vital record or for a search of the files or records when no copy is made and may establish a reasonable fee schedule related to its cost for information or other data provided for research, statistical or administrative purposes. Whenever any veteran or his survivor requires a certified copy of a vital record to obtain service-connected benefits, one copy of such record shall be provided directly to the Veterans Administration upon their request. No charge shall be imposed upon a veteran or his survivor for the submission of vital records directly to the Veterans Administration.

B. Fees collected under this section by the State Registrar shall be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit. Two dollars of each fee collected by the State Registrar shall be deposited by the Comptroller into the Vital Statistics Automation Fund established pursuant to § 32.1-273.1 for so long as shall be authorized. *Three dollars of each fee shall be credited to a special fund to be appropriated by the General Assembly, as it deems necessary, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter.* The remainder shall be deposited into the general fund of the state treasury. When the Vital Statistics Automation System is completed, no further deposits into ~~the fund~~ *such Fund* shall be made and ~~all fees~~ *the two dollars* collected under this section ~~for the Fund~~ shall be deposited into the general fund of the state treasury.

C. Fees collected under this section by county and city registrars shall be deposited in the general fund of the county or city except that counties or cities operating health departments pursuant to the provisions of § 32.1-31 shall forward all such fees to the Department for deposit in the cooperative local health services fund.

D. Fees assessed against local departments of social services or public welfare for furnished copies of vital records as needed to administer public assistance programs, as defined in § 63.1-87, shall be payable on a quarterly basis.

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