

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-273 of the Code of Virginia, relating to copies of vital records for*  
3 *veterans.*

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5 Approved

[S 959]

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

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

8 § 32.1-273. Fees for certified copies, searches of files, etc.; disposition.

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

18 B. Fees collected under this section by the State Registrar shall be transmitted to the Comptroller for  
19 deposit. Four dollars of each fee collected by the State Registrar shall be deposited by the Comptroller  
20 into the Vital Statistics Automation Fund established pursuant to § 32.1-273.1 for so long as shall be  
21 authorized. Four dollars of each fee shall be credited to a special fund to be appropriated by the General  
22 Assembly, as it deems necessary, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. When  
23 the Vital Statistics Automation System is completed, no further deposits into the fund shall be made and  
24 all fees collected under this section not credited to the special fund created by this subsection shall be  
25 deposited into the general fund of the state treasury.

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

30 D. Fees assessed against local departments of social services for furnished copies of vital records as  
31 needed to administer public assistance and social services programs, as defined in § 63.2-100, shall be  
32 payable on a quarterly basis.

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