

**Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Bill Number:** HB 2081

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Landes

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Death certificates; multiple copies

5. **Summary:** Provides that the Board of Health shall require that, whenever certified copies of a death certificate are requested, up to 10 certified copies of such death certificate shall be provided to the requester at a cost not to exceed the fee for one certified copy of any other vital record.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 283 (Vital Records and Health Statistics) and Item 287 (Community Health Services).

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item #8.

Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2011	\$0	
2012	(\$3,454,096)	NGF
2013	(\$3,454,096)	NGF
2014	(\$3,454,096)	NGF
2015	(\$3,454,096)	NGF
2016	(\$3,454,096)	NGF
2017	(\$3,454,096)	NGF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Certified death certificates are issued by the 35 local health districts and the Division of Vital Records (DVR). In FY 2010 the DVR filed 58,081 death certificates and issued 20,443 certified death certificates. In FY 2010, the local health districts issued 321,450 certified death certificates. This generated \$3,857,404 in revenue in FY 2010 for the local health districts and \$245,316 for the DVR. The local health districts issued an average of eight copies per death certificate.

The DVR and the local health districts will sustain a significant loss of revenue if they issue up to 10 certified copies of a death certificate at a cost not to exceed the current standard vital

records fee of \$12.00 (Item 283, 2010 Acts of Assembly, Chapter 874) for one certified copy. See table below for detailed calculations. Because the Division is completely funded by fees collected, this loss of revenue will result in additional unspecified budget reductions, unless a general fund appropriation is provided to replace the lost revenue.

Fiscal Impact of HB 2081	
Death certificates (local health districts)	
FY 2010 Collections for death certificates in the districts	\$3,857,404
Number of certificates issued in FY 2010 (collections divided by \$12.00)	321,450
Certificates divided by the average certificates issued (eight certificates per death)	40,181
Amount that would be collected based on the average number of certificates issued (40,181 times \$12.00)	\$482,172
Maximum loss of revenue for the local health districts	(\$3,375,232)
Death certificates (Division of Vital Records)	
FY 2010 collections for death certificates at the DVR	\$245,316
Death certificate requests received in FY 2010	13,871
Applications requesting more than one copy per death certificate	2,914
Number of certificates issued in FY 2010 (collections divided by \$12.00)	20,443
Maximum loss of revenue for the DVR	(\$78,864)

The Department anticipates that there would be an increase in death certificate requests with the passage of this bill, which may necessitate the need to purchase additional certification paper and the possibility of hiring additional staff.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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