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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FEES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 338-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) The department of health shall establish reasonable  
4 fees to be paid for certified copies of certificates; provided  
5 that the department shall furnish, free of charge [~~7~~-a]:

6           (1) A certified copy of any of the records, or a  
7 certification of birth, to any veteran of the armed  
8 forces of the United States, the veteran's wife, any  
9 member of the immediate family of a veteran or the  
10 next of kin of a deceased veteran, when required for  
11 use in connection with a claim based on service in the  
12 armed forces of the United States [~~7~~]; and

13           (2) Certified copies of birth certificates for any  
14 individual who is homeless as provided in section 338-  
15 14.5.

16 Subject to sections 338-16, 338-17, and 338-18, the National  
17 Center for Health Statistics may obtain transcripts and



1 statistical summaries on computer tapes of certificates or,  
2 without payment of fees, certified copies; provided the State is  
3 put to no expense in connection therewith.

4 A reasonable fee shall be charged for any correction in the  
5 items on a vital statistics certificate initiated by the  
6 registrant or the registrant's parent or representative if the  
7 registrant is a minor."

8 SECTION 2. Section 338-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"§338-14.5 Copies of certificate; fees.** The fees for  
11 certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or death  
12 certificates issued by the department of health shall consist of  
13 \$10 for the first copy issued and \$4 for each copy issued  
14 thereafter[-]; provided that the department of health shall  
15 waive all fees for the issuance of certified copies of birth  
16 certificates for any individual who is homeless; provided  
17 further that the individual's homeless status is corroborated by  
18 a verification letter issued by a homeless service provider.

19 These fees shall be collected for each single request for  
20 certified copies. All fees received for the issuance of  
21 certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or death



1 certificates shall be remitted to the director of health. Upon  
2 the receipt of remittances under this section, the director of  
3 health shall deposit:

4 (1) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the spouse  
5 and child abuse special account established under  
6 section 346-7.5;

7 (2) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the spouse  
8 and child abuse special account established under  
9 section 601-3.6;

10 (3) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the  
11 domestic violence and sexual assault special fund  
12 established under section 321-1.3;

13 (4) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the vital  
14 statistics improvement special fund established under  
15 section 338-14.6; and

16 (5) The remainder of the fee for each certified copy to  
17 the credit of the state general fund."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000, and  
21 shall be repealed on June 30, 2021; provided that sections 338-



1 14(a) and 338-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted  
2 in the form in which they read on the day prior to the effective  
3 date of this Act.

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**Report Title:**

Birth Certificates; Homeless; Waiver of Fees

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Health to furnish, free of charge, certified copies of birth certificates for any individual who is homeless, provided the individual's homeless status is corroborated by a verification letter issued by a homeless service provider. Effective 7/1/3000. Repeals 6/30/21. (SD1)

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