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Resolve, To Repeal the Fee Increase for Copies of Vital Records

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAYE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative LANGLEY of Ellsworth and
Senators: COURTNEY of York, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, President MITCHELL of
Kennebec, NASS of York, Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, LEWIN of Eliot, STRANG
BURGESS of Cumberland.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 2 3 Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Health Data and Program Management intends to 4 5 quadruple the fee for acquiring vital records of births and deaths; and Whereas, access at a reasonable cost to vital records of births and deaths is critical 6 to the well-being of residents of the State; and 7 8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 therefore, be it 12 Sec. 1. Emergency rulemaking. Resolved: That the Department of Health and 13 Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Health Data and Program Management sh.ll by March 1, 2010 adopt rules on an emergency 14 15 basis to set the fees for obtaining copies of vital records from the office at the same levels as were in effect in September 2009 and, following adoption of the emergency rules, shall 16 17 complete nonemergency rulemaking to set the fees at the September 2009 levels. Rules 18 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine 19 Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. 20 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 21 legislation takes effect when approved. SUMMARY 22 23 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for 24 Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Health Data and Program Management by 25 March 1, 2010 to adopt emergency routine technical rules and then nonemergency routine 26 technical rules to set the fees for obtaining copies of vital records from the office at the 27 same levels as were in effect in September 2009.