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A bill for an act

relating to health; establishing a surcharge for certified birth records; appropriating funds to the commissioner of health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.226, subdivision 3.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.226, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Birth record surcharge.** (a) In addition to any fee prescribed under subdivision 1, there shall be a nonrefundable surcharge of $3 for each certified birth or stillbirth record and for a certification that the vital record cannot be found. The local or state registrar shall forward this amount to the commissioner of finance for deposit into the account for the children's trust fund for the prevention of child abuse established under section 256E.22. This surcharge shall not be charged under those circumstances in which no fee for a certified birth or stillbirth record is permitted under subdivision 1, paragraph (a). Upon certification by the commissioner of finance that the assets in that fund exceed $20,000,000, this surcharge shall be discontinued.

(b) In addition to any fee prescribed under subdivision 1, there shall be a nonrefundable surcharge of $10 for each certified birth record. The local or state registrar shall forward this amount to the commissioner of finance for deposit in the general fund for the Minnesota Birth Defects Information System established under section 144.2215. This surcharge shall not be charged under those circumstances in which no fee for a certified birth record is permitted under subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2009.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$1,500,000 is appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the Minnesota Birth Defects Information System established under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.2215.