

CHAPTER 941

H.B. No. 1641

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of and fees for heirloom birth certificates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 192, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 192.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 192.0021. HEIRLOOM BIRTH CERTIFICATE. (a) The department may design the form of an heirloom birth certificate and may promote and sell copies of the certificate. An heirloom birth certificate must contain the same information as, and have the same effect of, a certified copy of another birth record. The department shall prescribe a fee for the issuance of an heirloom birth certificate in an amount that does not exceed \$30.

(b) Proceeds from the sale of heirloom birth certificates shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund. An amount not to exceed the costs of administering this section as determined by the comptroller shall be appropriated to the department for administering this section.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 30, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.