

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

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB450 **Patron:** Willett

Bill Title: Vital Records, Office of; fees for certified copies.

Bill Summary: Permits the Board of Health to prescribe a fee of up to \$17 for a certified copy of vital records and directs the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to collect a fee of \$17 for each certified copy of a vital record that it issues. Under current law, both fees are limited to \$12.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 277

Explanation: The increase proposed in the bill would conflict with Item 277 A. of HB 30/SB 30 (2026 introduced budget) which sets the fee for a copy of a vital record at \$12.

Fiscal Summary: This legislation would generate additional nongeneral fund revenue for Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Office of Vital Records and local health departments. It is expected that agency spending would be increased to reflect the newly available revenue.

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VDH (601)	-	\$4,752,920	\$4,752,920	\$4,752,920	\$4,752,920	\$4,752,920

Revenue Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VDH (601)	-	\$4,936,195	\$4,936,195	\$4,936,195	\$4,936,195	\$4,936,195

Fiscal Analysis: Based on data from VDH's Office of Vital Records, in 2025 a total of 987,239 copies of vital records were provided at the current fee of \$12, which generated \$11,846,868 in revenue. Increasing the fee to \$17 is estimated to generate \$16,783,063 in revenue, resulting in \$4,936,195 of net new revenue. This revenue would be split between the districts where the vital record was issued and the Office of Vital Records.

Of the newly generated revenue, state administered local health departments would receive \$1,964,711, which would be added to the districts' cooperative budget to support district operations. Locally administered health districts outside of the cooperative budget (Fairfax, Arlington, and Loudoun) would retain \$183,275 to support public health initiatives. The Office of Vital Records would retain \$2,788,209, which would be used to cover operational expenses.

The provisions of this bill would also require the DMV to collect a fee of \$17 for each certified copy of a vital record it issues. This revenue is transmitted to the State Registrar on a monthly basis to ensure that the State Registrar recovers all costs associated with the issuance of certified copies of vital records at DMV facilities. In

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addition, for each certified copy of a vital record that is issued, the DMV collects a processing fee of \$2 as provided. Increasing the cost of the fee for a vital record would not increase revenues received by the DMV.

Other: VDH notes that a technical amendment may be necessary on line 26, striking the word “Ten” and inserting the word “Fifteen” to ensure that all fee revenue collected under the new \$17 fee rate is directed to VDH. As currently written, only ten dollars of each vital record issuance fee would be directed to the vital records operations fund.