

Enrolled
House Bill 2402

Sponsored by Representative LIVELY; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BARNHART, HAYDEN, KENY-GUYER, NATHANSON, NOSSE (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to individuals who are homeless; creating new provisions; amending ORS 432.435; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2017 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 432.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a grant program for the purpose of allowing an individual who is homeless to obtain a certified copy of the individual's record of live birth at a reduced rate or free of charge.

(2) In administering the program, the authority:

(a) Shall award grants to state, regional and local agencies and organizations listed in ORS 458.528 for the purpose specified in subsection (1) of this section;

(b) Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant under this section and processes for applying for a grant under this section;

(c) May require recipients of a grant to report to the authority on the use of grant funds; and

(d) Shall adopt by rule a definition for the term "individual who is homeless" that gives the term the same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. 11302 for the terms "homeless," "homeless individual" and "homeless person."

SECTION 3. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, the Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund. Interest earned by the Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for purposes of section 2 of this 2017 Act.

(2) The Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund shall consist of all moneys credited to the fund, including moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.

SECTION 4. ORS 432.435 is amended to read:

432.435. (1) Except as provided in ORS 432.445 and subsection (2) of this section, [*and subject to the review of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services,*] the Oregon Health Authority shall establish [*all*] fees for **the** services provided under this chapter. [*The fees and charges established under this section shall be authorized by the Legislative Assembly for the authority's budget, as the budget may be modified by the Emergency Board.*]

(2) The State Registrar of the Center for Health Statistics shall search the system of vital statistics and issue certified copies or other documents, as appropriate, without charge if the search or issuance is:

(a) Requested in connection with a pending application for benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, if proof of the application is first submitted; or

(b) In response to an administrative error as determined by the state registrar.

(3) Fees collected under this section [shall] **must** be deposited in the Oregon Health Authority Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Center for Health Statistics for the purpose of administering this chapter.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$50,000 for deposit into the Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund established in section 3 of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 6. The Oregon Health Authority shall begin issuing grants under section 2 of this 2017 Act on or before July 1, 2018.

SECTION 7. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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