

House Bill 2402

Sponsored by Representative LIVELY; Representatives BARNHART, NATHANSON, NOSSE (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Center for Health Statistics to establish program allowing individual who is homeless to obtain certified copy of individual's record of live birth, free of charge.

Becomes operative January 1, 2018.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to individuals who are homeless; creating new provisions; amending ORS 432.435; and pre-
3 scribing an effective date.

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

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

7 **SECTION 2. The Center for Health Statistics shall establish a program allowing an indi-**
8 **vidual who is homeless to obtain a certified copy of the individual's record of live birth, free**
9 **of charge. As part of the program, the center shall:**

10 (1) **Determine on an annual basis the maximum number of certified copies of records of**
11 **live birth that the authority will issue pursuant to this section;**

12 (2) **Prescribe the form and manner of making a request under this section, including the**
13 **method by which the center may ascertain that an individual making a request pursuant to**
14 **this section is homeless; and**

15 (3) **Coordinate with the state, regional and local agencies and organizations listed in ORS**
16 **458.528 in providing the outreach services and collecting the data necessary for the effective**
17 **administration of this section.**

18 **SECTION 3. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the**
19 **General Fund, the Free Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund. Interest earned by the**
20 **Free Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys**
21 **in the Free Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund are continuously appropriated to**
22 **the Center for Health Statistics for purposes of section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

23 (2) **The Free Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund shall consist of all moneys**
24 **credited to the fund, including moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Leg-**
25 **islative Assembly.**

26 **SECTION 4. ORS 432.435 is amended to read:**

27 432.435. (1) Except as provided in ORS 432.445 and subsection (2) of this section, [*and subject to*
28 *the review of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services,*] the Oregon Health Authority shall
29 establish [*all*] fees for **the** services provided under this chapter. [*The fees and charges established*
30 *under this section shall be authorized by the Legislative Assembly for the authority's budget, as the*

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 *budget may be modified by the Emergency Board.]*

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

5 (a) Requested in connection with a pending application for benefits from the United States De-
6 partment of Veterans Affairs, if proof of the application is first submitted; [*or*]

7 **(b) Requested through the program established under section 2 of this 2017 Act; or**

8 [*b*] **(c) In response to an administrative error as determined by the state registrar.**

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

12 **SECTION 5. (1) Sections 2 and 3 of this 2017 Act and the amendments to ORS 432.435 by**
13 **section 4 of this 2017 Act become operative on January 1, 2018.**

14 **(2) The Center for Health Statistics, the State Registrar of the Center for Health Statis-**
15 **tics and any state, regional and local agency or organization listed in ORS 458.528 may take**
16 **any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-**
17 **sary to enable the center, state registrar, agency or organization to exercise, on and after**
18 **the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, powers and**
19 **functions conferred on the center, state registrar, agency or organization by sections 2 and**
20 **3 of this 2017 Act and the amendments to ORS 432.435 by section 4 of this 2017 Act.**

21 **SECTION 6. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
22 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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