

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4720

June 13, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Hood, Ellison, Stone, Hoadley, Lasinski, Brixie, Tyrone Carter, Bolden, Kennedy, Elder, LaGrand, Pagan, Wittenberg, Camilleri, Hope, Hertel, Robinson, Sowerby, Brenda Carter, Garza, Warren, Byrd, Guerra, Rabhi, Sneller and Jones and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 2831, 2832, and 2891 (MCL 333.2831, 333.2832,  
and 333.2891), sections 2831 and 2832 as amended by 1996 PA 307,  
and section 2891 as amended by 2013 PA 136.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           Sec. 2831. (1) The state registrar shall establish a new  
2           certificate of birth for an individual born in this state when the



1 registrar receives the following:

2 (a) ~~A~~ **Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, a**  
3 report of adoption as provided in section 2829, a report of  
4 adoption prepared and filed under the laws of another state or  
5 foreign country, or a certified copy of the adoption order,  
6 together with the information necessary to identify the original  
7 certificate of birth and to establish a new certificate of live  
8 birth. ~~However, The state registrar shall not establish a new~~  
9 ~~certificate of live birth shall not be established if so requested~~  
10 ~~by a request not to do so is made by~~ the court ordering the  
11 adoption; the adopting parent; or the adoptee, if the adoptee is an  
12 adult.

13 (b) A request that a new certificate be established and the  
14 evidence required by the department proving that the individual's  
15 paternity has been established.

16 (c) A request that a new certificate be established to ~~show~~  
17 **reflect a sex designation other than correction to the individual's**  
18 **sex designation as that of female, male, or neither male nor female**  
19 **that designated differs from the individual's sex designation at**  
20 **birth. The request shall be accompanied by an affidavit of a**  
21 **physician certifying that sex-reassignment surgery has been**  
22 **performed. individual requesting the new certificate under this**  
23 **subdivision shall submit 1 of the following to the state registrar:**

24 (i) If the individual who is the subject of the certificate is  
25 an adult, an affidavit attesting that the request for the  
26 correction of sex is not being sought for a fraudulent purpose.

27 (ii) If the individual who is the subject of the certificate is  
28 a minor, all of the following:

29 (A) A written request for the correction that is signed by the



1 minor's parent or legal guardian and, if the request is made by the  
2 minor's legal guardian, legal proof of guardianship to establish  
3 the individual's authority to give consent under this subparagraph.

4 (B) An affidavit from a health professional treating the minor  
5 attesting that the correction requested under this subparagraph is  
6 consistent with the minor's sex.

7 (2) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Health professional" means any of the following:

9 (i) An advanced practice registered nurse as that term is  
10 defined in section 17201.

11 (ii) A mental health professional.

12 (b) "Mental health professional" means an individual who is  
13 trained and experienced in the area of mental illness or  
14 developmental disabilities and who is 1 of the following:

15 (i) A physician who is licensed under part 170 or 175.

16 (ii) A psychologist who is licensed under part 182.

17 (iii) A registered professional nurse who is licensed under part  
18 172.

19 (iv) A licensed master's social worker who is licensed under  
20 part 185.

21 (v) A licensed professional counselor who is licensed under  
22 part 181.

23 (vi) A marriage and family therapist who is licensed under part  
24 169.

25 Sec. 2832. (1) When a new certificate of live birth is  
26 established, the actual place and date of birth ~~shall~~**must** be  
27 shown. The new certificate ~~shall~~**must** be substituted for the  
28 original certificate of live birth. Thereafter, **except as otherwise**  
29 **provided in section 2882(2) or (3) or upon a court order,** the



1 original certificate and the evidence of adoption or **correction of**  
2 sex designation are not subject to inspection. ~~except as otherwise~~  
3 ~~provided in section 2882(2) or (3) or upon a court order.~~ Evidence  
4 in support of other birth record changes is subject to inspection  
5 as provided in sections 2882 and 2883.

6 (2) ~~Upon~~ **On** receipt of notice of annulment of adoption or a  
7 copy of an order of rescission, the original certificate of live  
8 birth ~~shall~~ **must** be restored to its place in the files. The  
9 certificate created under subsection (1) is not subject to  
10 inspection except upon a court order.

11 (3) If a certificate of live birth is not on file for the  
12 individual for whom a new live birth certificate is to be  
13 established under section 2831, a new live birth certificate may be  
14 prepared on the delayed birth certificate form in use at the time  
15 of adoption, legitimation, or paternity determination.

16 (4) When a new certificate of live birth is established by the  
17 state registrar, all copies of the original certificate of birth in  
18 the custody of a custodian of permanent records in this state ~~shall~~  
19 **must** be sealed from inspection or forwarded to the state registrar,  
20 as the state registrar directs.

21 Sec. 2891. (1) The state registrar or a local registrar shall,  
22 ~~upon~~ **on** receipt of a written request and payment of the prescribed  
23 fee, conduct a search for a vital record for an individual who  
24 purports to be eligible under section 2882 or for an agency under  
25 section 2883(2) to receive a certified copy, administrative use  
26 copy, or a statistical use copy of the requested vital record.

27 (2) If a search for a vital record is conducted by the state  
28 registrar and the vital record cannot be located, the state  
29 registrar shall issue an official statement that the vital record



could not be located instead of a certified copy or an administrative use copy of the vital record. If a search for a vital record is conducted by a local registrar and the vital record cannot be located, the local registrar is not required to issue an official statement as described in this subsection, and the local registrar may waive the prescribed fee.

(3) The state registrar or a local registrar may require an applicant who requests a certified copy, an administrative use copy, or a statistical use copy of a vital record to provide verification of his or her identity before releasing the vital record if eligibility for the vital record is restricted under section 2882.

(4) Subject to subsection (8), the fees for a search for a vital record are as follows:

(a) A search including 1 certified copy, 1 administrative use copy, or 1 statistical use copy of a vital record or an official statement issued by the state registrar that a vital record could not be located.....	\$ 34.00
(b) Additional identical copies ordered at the same time.....	\$ 16.00 per copy
(c) Additional years searched.....	\$ 12.00 per year
(d) An authenticated copy.....	\$ 42.00
(e) Additional authenticated copies ordered at the same time.....	\$ 26.00 per copy
(f) Verification of facts delineated in section 2881(2).....	\$ 18.00



(g) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (h),  
 a request for an expedited search for a vital record under  
 this subsection..... \$ 12.00

(h) A request for an expedited search for an  
 authenticated copy of a vital record under subdivision  
 (d)..... \$ 25.00

(5) The fees for establishment or registration of a vital  
 record are as follows:

(a) Application for establishment of a delayed  
 certificate of birth or death that includes 1 certified  
 copy or an official denial of the  
 application..... \$ 50.00

(b) Registration of a delayed certificate of birth  
 for a foreign born adopted child that includes 1 certified  
 copy..... \$ 50.00

(6) ~~Upon~~ **On receipt of a** formal application of a soldier;  
 sailor; marine; member of the ~~coast guard~~; **United States Coast**  
**Guard**; nurse; member of a women's auxiliary; or other ~~person~~  
**individual** who is entitled to a bonus, a pension, or other  
 compensation under a law of this state, the United States, or  
 another state or territory of the United States or a service  
 auxiliary for a vital record for the purpose of obtaining the  
 bonus, pension, or compensation, the state registrar shall furnish  
 1 certified copy of the vital record requested without charge. If  
 the ~~person-individual~~ **individual** who is entitled to the vital record is  
 deceased or mentally incompetent, the state registrar may furnish  
 the copy to an heir, guardian, or legal representative of the  
~~person-individual~~. The state registrar shall label a certified  
 copy furnished under this subsection with the following statement:



"for veteran's benefits only, not for personal use".

(7) ~~Upon~~ **On receipt of a** formal application, the state registrar or a local registrar shall furnish a certified copy of a vital record without charge to a licensed child placing agency representing a child for adoption purposes. The state registrar or local registrar shall label a certified copy provided under this subsection with the following statement: "for adoption purposes only, not for personal use".

(8) ~~Upon~~ **On receipt of a** formal application, the state registrar shall charge ~~a person~~ **an individual who is** 65 years of age or older a fee of \$14.00 for a search for and 1 certified copy of his or her birth record.

(9) The state registrar shall charge the following fees for the creation of new vital records and corrections of vital records:

(a) Application to create a new certificate of birth following an adoption; legal change of name for minors; acknowledgement of paternity; ~~correction of sex change;~~ **designation;** legitimation; order of filiation; or a request to replace a court filed certificate of adoption..... \$ 50.00

(b) Subject to subsection (10), application received within 1 year of the date of the event to create a new certificate of birth or death to correct obvious minor errors and omissions..... \$ 50.00

(c) An application with a request for an expedited creation of a new certificate under this subsection..... \$ 25.00

(10) The errors and omissions that may be corrected under subsection (9) (b) are limited to the following:



1 (a) The addition of a given first or middle name if a name was  
2 not recorded at the time of filing.

3 (b) A change to a ~~social security~~ **Social Security** number.

4 (c) The addition of information originally specified as  
5 unknown or that was omitted by error.

6 (d) A minor spelling change.

7 (11) The state registrar shall charge a fee of \$50.00 for an  
8 application to amend birth and death records more than 1 year after  
9 the date of the event for the purpose of adding information or  
10 correcting an error in information recorded on the document. The  
11 state registrar shall charge a fee of \$25.00 for an application  
12 with a request for an expedited amendment to a birth or death  
13 record under this subsection.

14 (12) The state registrar shall not charge a fee for any of the  
15 following:

16 (a) Changing a vital record to correct an error made within  
17 the office of a local registrar or the state registrar.

18 (b) Correcting an error if the correction is initiated by the  
19 state registrar.

20 (c) Correcting a vital record if the correction is requested  
21 by a county medical examiner for a case within his or her  
22 jurisdiction.

23 (d) Correcting a record if the correction is ordered by a  
24 court of competent jurisdiction following denial by the department  
25 of an application to make the correction.

26 (e) Correcting a vital record if the correction is requested  
27 by a public agency that is the guardian of the individual to whom  
28 the vital record pertains.

29 (13) The state registrar shall charge a fee of \$50.00 for an





1 application to amend a birth record regarding a documented legal  
2 change of name for an adult. The state registrar shall charge a fee  
3 of \$25.00 for an application with a request for an expedited  
4 amendment to a birth record under this subsection.

5 (14) The state registrar or a local registrar with approval of  
6 the state registrar may charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs  
7 of special services performed pursuant to section 2883, 2884, or  
8 2888.

9 (15) A local registrar shall deposit fees collected under this  
10 section as the governing body of the city or county directs. The  
11 state registrar shall transmit fees collected under this section to  
12 the state treasurer for deposit into the vital records fund created  
13 in section 2892.

14 (16) The state registrar shall charge a fee of \$12.00 for an  
15 application for a copy or a certified copy of a vital records-  
16 related document, including, but not limited to, a completed  
17 application submitted under this section or a document submitted  
18 under this section to support a requested change to a vital record.

19 (17) The state registrar or a local registrar shall not charge  
20 a fee other than a fee prescribed in this section. However, a local  
21 governmental unit may adopt a system of fees for local registrars  
22 under the jurisdiction of the local governmental unit for a search  
23 that provides for fees less than those set forth in this section,  
24 and a charter county with a population of **1,500,000 or more** ~~than~~  
25 ~~2,000,000~~ may adopt a system of fees for a local registrar under  
26 the jurisdiction of that charter county that provides for fees more  
27 than those set forth in this section. However, a charter county  
28 shall not impose a fee that is greater than the cost of the service  
29 for which the fee is charged.



1 (18) For searches under subsection (4), a local registrar  
2 shall charge fees according to the following:

3 (a) The governing body of a local governmental unit that has  
4 jurisdiction over a local registrar may adopt a system of fees for  
5 the local registrar that provides for fees less than or equal to  
6 the fees set forth in subsection (4). These fees ~~shall~~**must only** be  
7 used for the maintenance and sustenance of the vital records fees  
8 program, ~~only. The fees shall~~**to** alleviate any burden to the  
9 taxpayers to provide this worthwhile program. A charter county with  
10 a population of **1,500,000 or** more ~~than 2,000,000~~ may adopt a system  
11 of fees for a local registrar under the jurisdiction of that  
12 charter county that provides for fees that are more than the fees  
13 set forth in subsection (4). A charter county shall not impose a  
14 fee that is greater than the cost of the service for which the fee  
15 is charged. A system of fees adopted under this subdivision ~~shall~~  
16 **must** be used by all local registrars under the jurisdiction of the  
17 local governmental unit and ~~shall~~**must** be reasonably related to the  
18 cost incurred by the local registrar in making the search.

19 (b) If a system of fees is not adopted by a local registrar's  
20 local governmental unit under subdivision (a), the local registrar  
21 shall not charge a fee other than a fee prescribed in subsection  
22 (4).

