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House Bill 5057 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons
House Committee: Families, Children, and Seniors
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Pam Posthumus Law, within the Public Health Code, to establish a \$40 fee for each heirloom birth certificate issued by the State Registrar, and require the Registrar to transmit \$20 of that fee to the Children's Trust Fund.

Public Act 28 of 2011 amended the Code to require the State Registrar to issue heirloom birth certificates, upon request and payment of a fee. The Department of Community Health (DCH) must promulgate rules establishing the amount of the fee for each separate design of an heirloom birth certificate. The DCH must establish each fee in an amount that is more than the estimated actual cost to the Department for a similar design, not to exceed the estimated fair market value of a comparable artistic rendition. The State Registrar then must transmit the portion that exceeds the actual cost of preparing and administering an heirloom birth certificate to the State Treasurer for deposit as a gift or contribution into the Children's Trust Fund.

Under the bill, instead, the fee for each heirloom certificate of birth would be \$40, and the State Registrar would have to transmit \$20 of each fee collected for heirloom birth certificates to the State Treasurer for deposit as a gift or donation into the Children's Trust Fund.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The DCH has indicated that other states have had no more than 1,000 heirloom birth certificate requests per year. That number of heirloom birth certificates would lead to \$40,000 in revenue, of which half would go to the Children's Trust Fund.

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