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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 98, *approved June 28, 2007*
Assembly, No. 4293

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4293

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 21, 2007

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Quigley and Senator Vitale

SYNOPSIS

Increases fee for burial, removal and transit permits and provides for deposit of fee in NJ Electronic Death Registration Support Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2007)

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ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4293

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 2007

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4293.

The bill revises the authorization to collect a fee for the issuance of a burial, removal or transit permit to provide the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services with greater flexibility in establishing the amount of the fee, and to support the operational costs of the New Jersey Electronic Death Registration Support System (NJ-EDRS).

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that approximately \$1.1 million in revenue may be realized annually by the fee increases. It is assumed that local registrars will continue to receive the same amount of fees currently received or approximately \$75,000.

After three years, the fee is to be reduced from \$15 to \$5 and revenues would decrease to approximately \$400,000 annually.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 4293
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
212th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 2, 2007

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Increases the fee for burial, removal and transit permits and provides for deposit of fee in NJ Electronic Death Registration Support Fund.
- Type of Impact:** Additional revenues to support the NJ Electronic Death Registration Support Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Health and Senior Services; all local registrars.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Years 1-3</u>
State Revenue	Approximately \$1.1 million in revenues may be realized annually by the fee increase from \$1 to \$15.
Local Revenue	It is assumed that local registrars will continue to receive the same amount of fees they currently receive from the \$1 fee, approximately \$75,000.

- As the fee would be reduced from \$15 to \$5 after three years, revenues would be reduced to about \$400,000 annually.
- The amount of fee revenues local registrars would receive would be determined by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 4293 of 2006 increases the fee for the issuance of a burial, removal or transit permit from \$1 to \$15 for a period of three years, after which time the fee would be \$5. Further, local registrars would no longer retain the fee revenues. Rather, the revenues would be deposited into the New Jersey Electronic Death Registration Support Fund, and the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services would provide local registrars with a portion of such funds, as deemed appropriate.

FISCAL ANALYSIS***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Though the Office of Legislative Services has no information as to the total number of burial, removal or transit permits issued by local registrars, there are upwards of 75,000 deaths annually, and local registrars realize about \$75,000 from the current \$1 fee depending on the actual number of burial, removal or transit permits that are actually issued.

An increase in the fee from \$1 to \$15 would result in over \$1.1 million in fees being generated annually for the first three years based on 75,000 deaths annually. After the first three years, the fee would be reduced from \$15 to \$5. A \$5 fee would generate about \$0.4 million annually based on 75,000 deaths a year.

Under the legislation, fees would no longer be retained by local registrars, but would be redirected to the State to support the New Jersey Electronic Death Registration Support Fund. The amount of fee revenues local registrars would receive would be determined by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services. It is assumed that the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services will continue to distribute \$75,000 to local registrars, the same amount local registrars currently realize from the \$1 fee.

Section: Human Services

*Analyst: Jay A. Hershberg
Principal Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L. 1980, c.67.

SENATE, No. 2654

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 2007

Sponsored by:
Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE
District 19 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Increases fee for burial, removal and transit permits and provides for deposit of fee in NJ Electronic Death Registration Support Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S2654 VITALE

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2654

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2007

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2654.

Senate Bill No. 2654 revises the authorization to collect a fee for the issuance of a burial, removal or transit permit to provide the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services with greater flexibility in establishing the amount of the fee, and to support the operational costs of the New Jersey Electronic Death Registration Support System (NJ-EDRS).

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 2654
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
212th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 26, 2007

SUMMARY

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