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Introduced by M. of A. KOLB, McKEVITT, BACALLES -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. McDONOUGH, WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the cost of review and copying of vital records for genealogical purposes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 4174 of the public health law, as amended by section 2 of part W2 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3. For any search of the files and records conducted for authorized genealogical or research purposes, the commissioner or any person authorized by him OR HER shall be entitled to, and the applicant shall pay, a fee of [twenty] TEN dollars for each hour or fractional part of an hour of time of search[, together with a]; EXCEPT WHERE AN APPLICANT PROVIDES EVIDENCE THAT HE OR SHE IS A CURRENT MEMBER OF A GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, SUCH APPLICANT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW AT NO CHARGE ALL VITAL RECORDS WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED TO REVIEW PURSUANT TO LAW. A fee of [two dollars] ONE DOLLAR for each uncertified copy or abstract of such record requested by the applicant or for a certification that a search discloses no record. ALL COPIES OF FILES AND RECORDS SECURED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE STAMPED, "FOR GENEALOGICAL PURPOSES ONLY".

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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