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Introduced by Sen. HASSELL-THOMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing no fee shall be charged for certain requests for birth certificates

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 4174 of the public health law, as separately amended by chapters 409 and 698 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

4. No fee shall be charged for a search, certification, certificate, certified copy or certified transcript of a record to be used for school entrance, employment certificate or for purposes of public relief or when required by the veterans administration to be used in determining the eligibility of any person to participate in the benefits made available by the veterans administration or when required by a board of elections for the purposes of determining voter eligibility OR WHEN REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OR A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION SIXTEEN OF SECTION TWO OF THE CORRECTION LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A CERTIFIED COPY OR CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT OF BIRTH TO AN INMATE IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH INMATE'S RELEASE FROM CUSTODY.

S 2. Section 4179 of the public health law, as added by chapter 414 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

S 4179. Vital records; fees; city of New York. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph one of subdivision a of section 207.13 of the health code of the city of New York, the department of health shall charge, and the applicant shall pay, for a search of two consecutive calendar years under one name and the issuance of a certificate of birth, death or termination of pregnancy, or a certification of birth or death, or a certification that the record cannot be found, a fee of fifteen dollars for each copy. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO SUCH FEE

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

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SHALL BE CHARGED WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OR A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION SIXTEEN OF SECTION TWO OF THE CORRECTION LAW REQUESTS A CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH OR CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUCH CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH OR CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH TO AN INMATE IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH INMATE'S RELEASE FROM CUSTODY.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.