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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting charging a fee to obtain a death certificate for an inmate who has died under custody

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 amended by section 32 of part L of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, 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 corrections and community supervision 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 OR TO OBTAIN A DEATH CERTIFICATE TO BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES FOR AN INMATE WHO HAS DIED UNDER CUSTODY or when requested by the office of children and family services or an authorized agency for the purpose of providing a certified copy or certified transcript of birth to a youth placed in the care and custody or custody and guardianship of the local commissioner of social services or the care and custody or custody and guardianship of the office of children and family services in anticipation of such youth's discharge from placement or foster care.

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

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S 2. Section 4179 of the public health law, as amended by section 133 of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, 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 shall be charged when the department of corrections and community supervision 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 OR TO OBTAIN A DEATH CERTIFICATE TO BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES FOR AN INMATE WHO HAS DIED UNDER CUSTODY or when the office of children and family services or an authorized agency requests a certified copy or certified transcript of birth for a youth placed in the custody of the local commissioner of social services or the custody of the office of children and family services pursuant to article three of the family court act for the purpose of providing such certified copy or certified transcript of birth to such youth in anticipation of discharge from placement.

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