



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SB2415

Introduced 2/9/2016, by Sen. William R. Haine

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 535/25.5

Amends the Vital Records Act. Removes language denoting allocations to local county coroners and medical examiners or specified officials from the Death Certificate Surcharge Fund as grants. Provides that officials receiving distributions from the Death Certificate Surcharge Fund must submit letters of verification to the Department of Public Health indicating that funds received from the Fund were used as prescribed. Provides that officials failing to provide a letter of verification will be ineligible to receive distributions from the Death Certificate Surcharge Fund for the following 3 years unless a suitable letter of verification is submitted. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 25.5 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/25.5)

7 Sec. 25.5. Death Certificate Surcharge Fund. The  
8 additional \$2 fee for certified copies of death certificates  
9 and fetal death certificates must be deposited into the Death  
10 Certificate Surcharge Fund, a special fund created in the State  
11 treasury. Beginning 30 days after the effective date of this  
12 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and until January  
13 1, 2003 and then beginning again on July 1, 2003 and until July  
14 1, 2005, moneys in the Fund, subject to appropriation, may be  
15 used by the Department for the purpose of implementing an  
16 electronic reporting system for death registrations as  
17 provided in Section 18.5 of this Act. Before the effective date  
18 of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, on and  
19 after January 1, 2003 and until July 1, 2003, and on and after  
20 July 1, 2005, moneys in the Fund, subject to appropriations,  
21 may be used as follows: (i) 25% by the Coroner Training Board  
22 for the purpose of training coroners, deputy coroners, forensic  
23 pathologists, and police officers for death investigations and

1 lodging and travel expenses relating to training, (ii) 25% for  
2 ~~grants by the Department of Public Health for~~ distribution to  
3 all local county coroners and medical examiners or officials  
4 charged with the duties set forth under Division 3-3 of the  
5 Counties Code, who have a different title, ~~for equipment and~~  
6 ~~lab facilities~~, (iii) 25% by the Department of Public Health  
7 for the purpose of setting up a statewide database of death  
8 certificates and implementing an electronic reporting system  
9 for death registrations pursuant to Section 18.5, and (iv) 25%  
10 for distribution ~~a grant by the Department of Public Health~~ to  
11 local registrars. Officials receiving distributions from the  
12 Department of Public Health shall submit a letter of  
13 verification to the Department indicating that funds received  
14 under this Section were used as prescribed in this Section.  
15 Officials receiving distributions from the Department of  
16 Public Health that fail to provide the letter of verification  
17 shall be ineligible for distributions for the following 3  
18 consecutive years unless a suitable letter of verification is  
19 provided to the Department.

20 (Source: P.A. 99-408, eff. 1-1-16.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.