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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: CSHB 129(MLV)
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Identifier (file name): HB129-DHSS-BVS-2-21-2011 Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
Title: Deceased Veteran Death Certificate Appropriation: Public Health
Allocation: Bureau of Vital Statistics
Sponsor: Rep. Max Gruenberg
Requester: House MLV Committee OMB Component Number: 961

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES		(75.0)	(80.0)	(85.0)	(90.0)	(95.0)	(100.0)
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF		75.0	0.0	80.0	85.0	90.0	100.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts		(75.0)	0.0	(80.0)	(85.0)	(90.0)	(100.0)
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Not applicable. Initial version.

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Date 2/21/2011

FISCAL NOTE #1

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BILL NO. CSHB 129(MLV)

Analysis:

Under this bill family members or representatives (executors, etc.) of deceased veterans may each request one free certified copy of the veteran's death certificate. This bill would allow many members or representatives of the veteran's family to separately request a free death certificate.

This bill will reduce the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) program receipts/fees by an estimated \$75.0 in the first year, increasing each year to a projected loss of \$100.0 by Year 5. Because BVS relies substantially on fees to support its operating costs, any loss of these program receipts will have an immediate impact on staffing and quality of service to the public if not replaced by general funds. About 3% of the FY11 budget for BVS is GF (\$91.1). In contrast, 80% of the BVS budget for FY11 comes from program receipts (GF/Pgm).

The Bureau estimates that initially 75% of veteran's families will be aware of the bill, increasing to nearly 100% over five years. About 30 percent (approximately 1000 deaths) of total deaths in Alaska per year indicate the decedent was a veteran. It is estimated that between three to five family members (or executors) will qualify for a death certificate at no charge (families have been known to request as many as 40 copies of a death certificate). Assuming 3 to 4 certificates per death, the impact to the Bureau is projected to be between 3,000 to 4,000 certificates issued at no charge annually. The fee for a death certificate is \$25. It is anticipated the impact would be comparatively less for the first few years and then increase as more families become aware of the new law.

The fiscal impact will be approximately \$75.0 for the first year the legislation is in effect (\$25 x 3,000 certified copies, assuming just 750 families will request on average four certificates each in the first year), increasing to \$100.0 by Year 5 (\$25 x 4,000 certified copies) as more people become aware of the new benefit provided by this law. The Bureau will experience a greater loss of revenue if this bill generates more than four requests per death, or if the number of decedents who are veterans exceeds 1000 in a year. If the current level of staffing and service to the public is to be maintained, these lost program receipts will have to be replaced with GF.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 129(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Lynn

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to providing a death certificate for a deceased veteran without**
2 **charge."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 18.50.320 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 18.50.320. Copies of data from vital records.** Except as otherwise
6 provided and in accordance with the regulations adopted under AS 18.50.310,

7 (1) the bureau and the custodian of permanent local records shall, upon
8 request, issue a certified copy of a certificate or record in their custody, or a part of it;
9 each copy issued must show the date of registration or recording, and copies issued
10 from records marked "delayed," "amended," or "court order" shall be similarly marked
11 and must show the effective date;

12 (2) a certified copy of a certificate or a part of it issued in accordance
13 with (1) of this section is considered the original for all purposes and is prima facie
14 evidence of the facts stated; however, [PROVIDED THAT] the evidentiary value of a

1 certificate or record filed more than one year after the event, or a record that has been
 2 amended, or a presumptive death certificate, shall be determined by the judicial or
 3 administrative body or official before whom the certificate is offered as evidence;

4 (3) the National Office of Vital Statistics may be furnished the copies
 5 or data it requires for national statistics if the bureau is reimbursed for the cost of
 6 furnishing the data; the National Office of Vital Statistics may not use the data for
 7 purposes other than statistical purposes unless authorized by the state registrar;

8 (4) federal, state, local, and other public or private agencies, upon
 9 request, may be furnished copies or data for statistical purposes on the terms or
 10 conditions prescribed by the bureau;

11 (5) a person or agency may not prepare or issue a certificate or part of
 12 a certificate that purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate of
 13 birth, death, fetal death, or marriage, except as authorized in this chapter or the
 14 regulations adopted under it;

15 (6) upon request, the bureau shall furnish a copy of a certificate or
 16 record registered by the bureau to the child support services agency created in
 17 AS 25.27.010, or the child support enforcement agency of another state, for child
 18 support purposes authorized under law; such a certificate or record that is prepared or
 19 maintained in an electronic data base may be supplied by providing the requesting
 20 agency with a copy of the electronic certificate or record and a statement certifying its
 21 contents;

22 **(7) upon request and without charge, the bureau shall issue up to**
 23 **four certified copies of the death certificate of a veteran to a person for the**
 24 **purpose of satisfying an eligibility requirement for a benefit related to the death**
 25 **of the veteran; in this paragraph, "veteran" means an individual who was**

26 **(A) on active duty at the time of the veteran's death or had**
 27 **received an honorable or general discharge from a branch of the armed**
 28 **services of the United States, the National Guard, a reserve unit of the**
 29 **United States armed services, the Alaska Scouts, the Alaska Territorial**
 30 **Guard, or the Alaska Naval Militia; and**

31 **(B) a resident of Alaska at the time of the individual's**

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death.

~~Withdrawn~~
Adopted
4/9/11

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Bullard
4/7/11

AMENDMENT # 1 moved by
Fairclough

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHB 129(MLV)

- 1 Page 2, lines 22 - 23:
- 2 Delete "one certified copy"
- 3 Insert "up to ~~five~~ certified copies"
- 4 *four*
- 5 Page 2, line 23:
- 6 Delete "an eligible recipient"
- 7 Insert "a person"
- 8
- 9 Page 2, line 26, through page 3, line 2:
- 10 Delete all material.
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- 12 Page 3, line 3:
- 13 Delete "(B)"
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- 15 Page 3, line 4:
- 16 Delete "(i)"
- 17 Insert "(A)"
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- 19 Page 3, line 9:
- 20 Delete "(ii)"
- 21 Insert "(B)"

wid/holdover

Conceptual amendment

Reps. Costello/Outenberg

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(3) the National Office of Vital Statistics may be furnished the copies or data it requires for national statistics if the bureau is reimbursed for the cost of furnishing the data; the National Office of Vital Statistics may not use the data for purposes other than statistical purposes unless authorized by the state registrar;

(4) federal, state, local, and other public or private agencies, upon request, may be furnished copies or data for statistical purposes on the terms or conditions prescribed by the bureau;

(5) a person or agency may not prepare or issue a certificate or part of a certificate that purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate of birth, death, fetal death, or marriage, except as authorized in this chapter or the regulations adopted under it;

(6) upon request, the bureau shall furnish a copy of a certificate or record registered by the bureau to the child support services agency created in AS 25.27.010, or the child support enforcement agency of another state, for child support purposes authorized under law; such a certificate or record that is prepared or maintained in an electronic data base may be supplied by providing the requesting agency with a copy of the electronic certificate or record and a statement certifying its contents;

(7) upon request and without charge, the bureau shall issue one certified copy of the death certificate of a veteran to an eligible recipient for the purpose of satisfying an eligibility requirement for a benefit related to the death of the veteran; in this paragraph,

and as many certified copies as requested

(A) "eligible recipient" means

- (i) the deceased veteran's surviving spouse or other relative;
- (ii) the deceased veteran's heir or devisee; or
- (iii) the administrator, executor, personal representative, foreign personal representative, beneficiary,

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HB 129
DEATH CERTIFICATES FOR DECEASED VETERANS

Sponsor Statement

House Bill 129 provides a death certificate, without cost, to a surviving spouse, next of kin, or other relative of a deceased veteran. The bill is modeled after an Arizona statute and will provide one copy to the eligible recipient. HB 129 demonstrates the state's respect for Alaska's veterans and their families and will provide a valuable service to military families in their time of bereavement.

If you have any questions about the bill, please contact my legislative aide, Gretchen Staff, at 465-4940.

Thank you for your consideration of House Bill 129.

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Explanation of Changes

Changes between HB 129 (27-LS0450\A) and CSHB 129(MLV) (27-LS0450\B):

Paragraph (i) on page 3, lines 4-10 of HB 129 was restructured, incorporating the following changes:

- 1) References to the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserves were omitted in the CS because they are a branch of the "armed services," which is already included in the paragraph.
- 2) References in HB 129 to "Alaska Army National Guard" and "Alaska Air National Guard" were eliminated in the CS, and "National Guard" was substituted as an umbrella term.

These are stylistic changes and are in no way intended to exclude any service members covered in the original bill.

CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

STATE OF ARIZONA

ORIGINAL
STATE
COPY

STATE OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEATH NO.
D 102-

1. NAME OF DECEASED AKA A. FIRST SEYMOUR B. MIDDLE EPSTEIN C. LAST EPSTEIN		SEX 2. MALE		DATE OF DEATH 3. MONTH DAY YEAR JANUARY 31 2004	
4. RACE (e.g., white, black, American Indian, (specify tribal etc.) WHITE		5. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (SPECIFY YES OR NO) NO		6. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (SPECIFY YES OR NO) YES	
7. PLACE OF DEATH A. COUNTY YAVAPAI B. TOWN OR CITY PRESCOTT VALLEY		8. HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (IF RESIDENCE, GIVE STREET ADDRESS) PRESCOTT VALLEY SAMARITAN CENTER		9. D. DOA OP EMER. IN PATIENT	
10. DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR NOVEMBER 7 1920		11. AGE (YEARS LAST BIRTH-DAY) A. 83 B. IF UNDER 1 YEAR MOS. DAYS C. IF UNDER 1 DAY HRS MIN		12. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) WIDOWED	
13. STATE AND CITY OF BIRTH (if not in USA, name country) ILLINOIS CHICAGO		14. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? SPECIFY U.S.A.		15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]	
16. USUAL RESIDENCE A. STATE ARIZONA B. COUNTY YAVAPAI C. TOWN OR CITY PRESCOTT VALLEY		17. D. ZIP CODE 86314		18. HOW LONG IN ARIZONA? 28 YEARS	
19. STREET ADDRESS OF R.F.D. 3380 NORTH WINDSONG		20. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? (SPECIFY Yes or No) YES		21. ON RESERVATION (SPECIFY Yes or No) NO	
22. PREVIOUS STATE OF RESIDENCE CALIFORNIA		23. ELEMENTARY SECONDARY (0-12) A. B. COLLEGE (1-4 or 5+) 2		24. EDUCATION HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED	
25. FATHER'S NAME A. FIRST MAX B. MIDDLE EPSTEIN C. LAST		26. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME A. FIRST ANNIE B. MIDDLE RABKIN C. LAST		27. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE Kayla Epstein	
28. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED RELATIVE		29. ADDRESS 4801 KENAI AVENUE		30. CITY AND STATE ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	
31. ZIP CODE 99508		32. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify) REMOVAL/BURIAL		33. DATE FEBRUARY 6, 2004	
34. CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME/LOCATION NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF ARIZONA		35. PHOENIX, ARIZONA		36. EMBALMER'S SIGNATURE NOT EMBALMED	
37. FUNERAL HOME ARIZONA WAKELIN BRADSHAW, 8480 EAST VALLEY ROAD, PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ		38. STREET ADDRESS 86314		39. CITY AND STATE PHOENIX, ARIZONA	
40. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, DEATH OCCURRED AT THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED		41. ON THE BASIS OF EXAMINATION AND/OR INVESTIGATION, IN MY OPINION, DEATH OCCURRED AT THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) AND MANNER STATED		42. SIGNATURE AND TITLE Sam W. Downing	
43. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Year) FEBRUARY 2, 2004		44. HOUR OF DEATH 0635		45. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Year)	
46. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or print)		47. AUTHORIZED FOR INFORMATION (Specify Yes or No)		48. MEDICAL EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE	
49. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER, PHYSICIAN, MEDICAL EXAMINER OR TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (Type or Print) SAM W. DOWNING, MD, 215 NORTH MCCORMICK, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA		50. REG. FILE NO. 171		51. REG. DISTRICT 135	
52. DATE REGISTERED 2/5/04		53. REG. FILE NO. 171		54. DATE RECD. IN STATE OFFICE	
55. SEQUENTIAL LIST OF CONDITIONS, IF ANY, LEADING TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH OR INJURY OR DISEASE OR EVENT LEADING TO DEATH		56. PART I A. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (FATAL DISEASE OR CONDITION PRESUMED TO BE CAUSE OF DEATH) B. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF C. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF		57. APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH WEEKS	
58. PART II A. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (FATAL DISEASE OR CONDITION PRESUMED TO BE CAUSE OF DEATH) B. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF C. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF		59. AUTOPSY (Specify Yes or No) NO		60. WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER (Specify Yes or No) NO	
61. MANNER OF DEATH CAUSES		62. DATE OF DEATH YR HOUR		63. INJURY AT WORK? (Specify Yes or No)	
64. PLACE OF INJURY (A) home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc.)		65. WHERE LOCATED?		66. STREET ADDRESS CITY OR TOWN STATE	
67. SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATION		68. MORTUARY CORRECTED BOXES 1 & 14A. 2-5-2004		69. [Handwritten initials]	

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