

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 855**  
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families, March 4, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 193, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to heritage birth or marriage certificates.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 193, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 193.059, to read as follows:

193.059. 1. The state may promote and sell a "Heritage Birth  
2 Certificate" or "Heritage Marriage Certificate". In addition to any other  
3 certificate of birth or marriage issued under this chapter, the state  
4 registrar may issue, upon request, a heritage certificate of birth or  
5 marriage representing the birth or marriage of an individual named on  
6 the original record or certificate and celebrating the unique heritage  
7 of Missouri citizens. The state registrar may establish procedures for  
8 the creation and the administration of a heritage certificate of birth or  
9 marriage. Each copy issued shall show the date of registration, and  
10 copies issued from records marked "delayed" or "amended" shall be  
11 similarly marked and show the effective date. The documentary  
12 evidence used to establish a delayed certificate shall be shown on all  
13 copies issued.

14 2. The heritage certificate of birth or marriage issued shall be in  
15 a form consistent with the need to protect the integrity of vital records,  
16 including secure measures designed to prevent tampering,  
17 counterfeiting, or otherwise duplicating the certificate of birth or  
18 marriage for fraudulent purposes, as provided in the Intelligence  
19 Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-458). The  
20 certificate shall be suitable for display. Such certificate may bear the

21 seal of the state and may be signed by the governor.

22           3. The heritage certificate of birth or marriage shall be accepted  
23 as the original record in the same manner as certified birth or  
24 marriage certificates are accepted as original records under section  
25 193.255. Heritage certificates of birth or marriage shall only be issued  
26 to individuals born or married in Missouri.

27           4. Upon request and issuance of a heritage certificate of birth or  
28 marriage, the department of health and senior services may charge a  
29 fee, not to exceed fifty dollars. All fees shall be deposited to the  
30 department of revenue. For each fee collected, the director of the  
31 department of revenue shall credit:

- 32           (1) Four dollars to the general revenue fund;  
33           (2) Ten dollars to the children's trust fund;  
34           (3) One dollar to the endowed care cemetery audit fund;  
35           (4) Fifteen dollars to the crippled children's service fund;  
36           (5) Ten dollars to the Missouri public health services fund  
37 established in section 192.900; and  
38           (6) Ten dollars to provide financial assistance to shelters for  
39 victims of domestic violence as provided in sections 455.200 to 455.230.  
40 Money in the endowed care cemetery audit fund shall be available by  
41 appropriation to the division of professional registration to pay  
42 expenses in administering sections 214.270 to 214.410. The money  
43 deposited in the public health services fund shall be deposited in a  
44 separate account in the fund, and moneys in such account, upon  
45 appropriation, shall be used to support the collection, maintenance,  
46 analysis and issuance of vital records, including heritage certificates  
47 of birth or marriage. The money deposited in the crippled children's  
48 service fund shall be used, upon appropriation, to support the children  
49 with special health care needs program.

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