

of birth, contain only the new data as added from the adoption decree, and the original date of filing, name of physician or midwife, and local registrar's name.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1933.

This bill as originally drafted was designed to require death certificates to show the military record, if any, of the decedent. However, on its passage through the Legislature two additional provisions were added to the bill relating to the issuance of birth certificates of children of citizens of Pennsylvania born beyond the limits of the United States, and also to provide for special birth certificates for adopted children.

Neither of the two additional items relating to birth certificates is mentioned in the title of the bill, nor are they germane to the section relating to death certificates in which they are included. However, the provisions of the bill relating to the service record of decedents on death certificates can be sustained. Therefore, I am approving the bill to carry out this original purpose, although I am fully aware that the additional provisions relating to birth certificates cannot possibly be sustained because of the defect in the title of the bill.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 207

AN ACT

To amend section twenty-one of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred), entitled "An act to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by means of certificates of births and deaths, and burial or removal permits; requiring prompt returns to the Central Bureau of Vital Statistics, as required to be established by the State Department of Health; and, in order to secure prompt and faithful registration of births, marriages, deaths, and diseases, of practitioners of medicine and surgery, of midwives, nurses, and undertakers, and of all persons whose occupation is deemed to be of importance in obtaining complete registration of births, deaths, marriages, and diseases throughout the State, as provided in section ten of an act, entitled 'An act creating the Department of Health and defining its powers and duties,' approved the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and five, and providing penalties for violations of this act," as amended, by providing for special certificates of the birth of adopted persons, and requiring school authorities to accept such certificates for certain purposes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c.. That section twenty-one of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred), entitled "An act to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by means of certificates of births and deaths, and burial or removal permits: requiring prompt returns to the Central Bureau of Vital Statistics, as required to be established by the State Department of Health; and, in order to secure prompt and faithful registration of births, marriages, deaths, and diseases, of practitioners of medicine and

Department
of Health.

Vital statistics.

Section 21, act of
June 7, 1915
(P. L. 900), as
amended by act
of April 28, 1927
(P. L. 498),
further amended.

surgery, of midwives, nurses, and undertakers, and of all persons whose occupation is deemed to be of importance in obtaining complete registration of births, deaths, marriages, and diseases throughout the State, as provided in section ten of an act, entitled 'An act creating the Department of Health and defining its powers and duties,' approved the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and five, and providing penalties for violations of this act," as amended by section one of the act approved the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred ninety-eight), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Certified copy
of record.

Special birth
certificate of
adopted person.

Certificate as
evidence of age.

Fee.

Evidence.
Proviso.

Charges for
search.

Account of
fees received.

Section 21. That the State Registrar shall, upon request, furnish any applicant a certified copy of the record of any birth, death, or marriage registered under provisions of this act: [for] *Provided, That when a request is made for a birth certificate of any person who has been adopted by any other person pursuant to the provisions of any law, and there is filed, with such request, a certified copy of the decree of the court in such adoption proceedings, the State Registrar shall, upon special request therefor, issue, in lieu of a certified copy of the original record, a certificate showing only (a) the name of the adopted person as changed by the decree of adoption, if changed; (b) the date and place of birth; (c) the names of the adopting parent or parents; and (d) the permanent file number of the original birth certificate. Such special certificate shall be accepted by all school authorities as evidence of the child's age for all purposes connected with employment or school attendance. For the making and certification of [which he] each certified copy of the record of any birth, death, or marriage, or of any special birth certificate, the State Registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant; and any such copy of the record of a birth, or death, or marriage, when properly certified by the State Registrar to be a true copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the facts therein stated: Provided, That certified copies of the record of any birth, death, or marriage shall be furnished to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, marines, war nurses, and their dependents, without the payment of any fee. For any such search of the files and records, when no certified copy is made, the State Registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for each hour or fractional hour of time of search, to be paid by the applicant. And the State Registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees by him received under these provisions and turn the same over to the State Treasurer.*

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