

No. 135

AN ACT

HB 577

Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An act providing for the administration of a statewide system of vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners, prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians, midwives and other persons; requiring reports and certificates for the registration of vital statistics; regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto," requiring the Bureau of Vital Statistics to issue birth certificates in the name the applicant is actually using.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 806.1, act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the "Vital Statistics Law of 1953," added June 28, 1957 (P.L.433, No.237), is amended to read:

Section 806.1. Records: Miniature Certifications of Birth.—(a) Upon application therefor and payment of a fee of [one dollar (\$1)] **two dollars (\$2)**, the department shall issue to any person whose original certificate of birth is on file in this Commonwealth a miniature certification of the facts of his birth. Such certification shall be approximately two and one-half inches by four inches in size so that it may be conveniently carried for identification and proof as to age.

(b) *Upon application therefor and payment of a fee of two dollars (\$2), the department shall issue a regular birth certificate in the name the applicant is actually using upon adequate proof demonstrating the use of the name for fifteen (15) years or more, except in the case of children under fifteen (15) years of age. Adequate proof shall consist of any one of the following: baptism certificate or other verified church records, insurance policy, school record, working papers, armed service discharge papers or marriage license which document shall have originally been issued at least fifteen (15) years prior to the application for a birth certificate under this subsection.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of December, A. D. 1975.

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