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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1733

**Introduced by Assembly Members Quirk-Silva, Atkins, and
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An act to add Section 103577 to the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 14902 of the Vehicle Code, relating to public records.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1733, as amended, Quirk-Silva. Public records: fee waiver.

(1) Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, the duties as State Registrar relating to the uniform administration of provisions relating to vital records and health statistics. Existing law requires the State Registrar, local registrar, or county recorder to, upon request and payment of the required fee, supply to an applicant a

certified copy of the record of a birth, fetal death, death, marriage, or marriage dissolution registered with the official.

Existing law authorizes the issuance of certain records without payment of the fee.

This bill would, on or after July 1, 2015, require each local registrar or county recorder to issue, without a fee, a certified record of live birth to any person who can verify his or her status as a homeless person or a homeless child or youth, as defined. The bill would authorize a homeless services provider, as described, that has knowledge of a person's housing status to verify the person's status as a homeless person or homeless child or youth for purposes of this provision. The bill would require the State Department of Public Health to develop an affidavit, *as specified*, that permits a person to attest to his or her status as a homeless person or homeless child or youth, and would provide that the affidavit is sufficient verification for purposes of obtaining the certified record of live birth, as specified. By imposing additional duties on county employees, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue an identification card to any person attesting to the true full name, correct age, and other identifying data as certified by the applicant for the identification card, and authorizes the assessment of related fees.

This bill would, on and after January 1, 2016, require the department to issue, without a fee, an original or replacement identification card to a person who can verify his or her status as a homeless person or homeless child or youth, as defined. The bill would authorize a homeless services provider, as described, that has knowledge of a person's housing status to verify the person's status as a homeless person or homeless child or youth for purposes of this provision.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 103577 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 103577. (a) On or after July 1, 2015, each local registrar or
4 county recorder shall, without a fee, issue a certified record of live
5 birth to any person who can verify his or her status as a homeless
6 person or a homeless child or youth. A homeless services provider
7 that has knowledge of a person's housing status may verify a
8 person's status for the purposes of this subdivision. A request for
9 a certified record of live birth made pursuant to this subdivision
10 shall be made by a homeless person or a homeless child or youth
11 on behalf of themselves, or by any person lawfully entitled to
12 request a certified record of live birth on behalf of a child, if the
13 child has been verified as a homeless person or a homeless child
14 or youth pursuant to this section. A person applying for a certified
15 record of live birth under this subdivision is entitled to one birth
16 record, per application, for each eligible person verified as a
17 homeless person or a homeless child or youth. For purposes of this
18 subdivision, an affidavit developed pursuant to subdivision (b)
19 shall constitute sufficient verification that a person is a homeless
20 person or a homeless child or youth. A person applying for a
21 certified record of live birth under this subdivision shall not be
22 charged a fee for verification of his or her eligibility.

23 (b) The State Department of Public Health shall develop an
24 affidavit that permits a person who makes a request for a certified
25 record of live birth pursuant to subdivision (a) to attest to his or
26 her status as a homeless person or a homeless child or youth. *The*
27 *affidavit shall also contain a line upon which a homeless services*
28 *provider may attest to the eligibility of the person making that*
29 *request. The affidavit shall not be deemed complete for purposes*
30 *of this section unless a homeless services provider has signed the*
31 *affidavit for that purpose.*

32 (c) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the
33 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
34 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
35 Code), the department may implement and administer this section
36 through an all-county letter or similar instructions from the director
37 or State Registrar *without taking regulatory action.*

1 (d) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions
2 apply:

3 (1) A “homeless child or youth” has the same meaning as the
4 definition of “homeless children and youths” as set forth in the
5 federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
6 Sec. 11301 et seq.).

7 (2) A “homeless person” has the same meaning as the definition
8 of that term set forth in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless
9 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.).

10 (3) A “homeless services provider” includes, but is not limited
11 to:

12 (A) A governmental or nonprofit agency receiving federal, state,
13 or county or municipal funding to provide services to a “homeless
14 person” or “homeless child or youth,” or that is otherwise
15 sanctioned to provide those services by a local homeless continuum
16 of care organization.

17 (B) An attorney licensed to practice law in this state.

18 (C) A local educational agency liaison for homeless children
19 and youth designated as such pursuant to Section 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii)
20 of Title 42 of the United States Code, or a school social worker.

21 (D) A human services provider or public social services provider
22 funded by the State of California to provide homeless children or
23 youth services, health services, mental or behavioral health
24 services, substance use disorder services, or public assistance or
25 employment services.

26 SEC. 2. Section 14902 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

27 14902. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (b),
28 (c), and (d) of this section, subdivision (c) of Section 13002, and
29 subdivision (c) of Section 14900, upon an application for an
30 identification card a fee of twenty dollars (\$20), and on and after
31 January 1, 2010, a fee of twenty-six dollars (\$26), shall be paid to
32 the department.

33 (b) An original or replacement senior citizen identification card
34 issued pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 13000 shall be issued
35 free of charge.

36 (c) The fee for an original or replacement identification card
37 issued to a person who has been determined to have a current
38 income level that meets the eligibility requirements for assistance
39 programs under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11200) or
40 Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 12000) of Part 3 of, or Part

1 5 (commencing with Section 17000) of, or Article 9 (commencing
2 with Section 18900) of Chapter 10 of Part 6 of, or Chapter 10.1
3 (commencing with Section 18930) or Chapter 10.3 (commencing
4 with Section 18937) of Part 6 of, Division 9 of the Welfare and
5 Institutions Code shall be six dollars (\$6). The determination of
6 eligibility under this subdivision shall be made by a governmental
7 or nonprofit entity, which shall be subject to regulations adopted
8 by the department.

9 (d) On and after January 1, 2016, a fee shall not be charged for
10 an original or replacement identification card issued to any person
11 who can verify his or her status as a homeless person or homeless
12 child or youth. A homeless services provider that has knowledge
13 of the person’s housing status may verify the person’s status for
14 purposes of this subdivision. A determination of eligibility pursuant
15 to this subdivision shall be subject to regulations adopted by the
16 department. A person applying for an identification card under
17 this subdivision shall not be charged a fee for verification of his
18 or her eligibility.

19 (e) All fees received pursuant to this section shall be deposited
20 in the Motor Vehicle Account.

21 (f) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

22 (1) A “homeless child or youth” has the same meaning as the
23 definition of “homeless children and youths” as set forth in the
24 federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
25 Sec. 11301 et seq.).

26 (2) A “homeless person” has the same meaning as the definition
27 set forth in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
28 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.).

29 (3) A “homeless services provider” includes, but is not limited
30 to:

31 (A) A governmental or nonprofit agency receiving federal, state,
32 or county or municipal funding to provide services to a “homeless
33 person” or “homeless child or youth,” or that is otherwise
34 sanctioned to provide those services by a local homeless continuum
35 of care organization.

36 (B) An attorney licensed to practice law in this state.

37 (C) A local educational agency liaison for homeless children
38 and youth designated as such pursuant to Section 11432 (g)(1)(J)(ii)
39 of Title 42 of the United States Code, or a school social worker.

1 (D) A human services provider or public social services provider
2 funded by the State of California to provide homeless children or
3 youth services, health services, mental or behavioral health
4 services, substance use disorder services, or public assistance or
5 employment services.

6 (E) Any other homeless services provider that is qualified to
7 verify an individual’s housing status, as determined by the
8 department.

9 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
10 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
11 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
12 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
13 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.