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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

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 section, to be
2 known as section 193.259, to read as follows:

3 **193.259. 1. The state of Missouri may promote and sell a "Heritage Birth**
4 **Certificate". In addition to any other birth certificate issued under this chapter, the state**
5 **registrar may issue, upon request, a heritage birth certificate representing the birth of the**
6 **individual named on the original record or certificate. The state registrar may establish**
7 **procedures for the administration of a heritage birth certificate. Each copy issued shall**
8 **contain the date of registration, and copies issued from records marked "Delayed" or**

9 **"Amended" shall be similarly marked and contain the effective date. The documentary**
10 **evidence used to establish a delayed certificate shall be shown on all copies issued.**
11 **2. A heritage birth certificate issued shall be in a form consistent with the need to**
12 **protect the integrity of vital records, including securing measures designed to prevent**
13 **tampering, counterfeiting, or otherwise duplicating the birth certificate for fraudulent**
14 **purposes, in accordance with the Federal Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention**

15 **Act of 2004, as amended. The certificate shall be suitable for display. Such certificate may**
16 **bear the seal of the state of Missouri and may be signed by the governor.**
17 **3. The heritage birth certificate shall have the same status as evidence as an original**
or certified birth certificate, as described in section 193.255. Heritage birth certificates
shall only be issued to individuals born in Missouri.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **4. Upon request and issuance of a heritage birth certificate, the department of**
19 **health and senior services may charge a fee of fifty dollars. The fifty-dollar fee shall be**
20 **deposited in the state treasury as follows:**

21 **(1) Fifteen dollars to the general revenue fund;**

22 **(2) Ten dollars to the children's trust fund established in section 210.173. Fee**
23 **moneys deposited in such fund shall, upon appropriation, be used to support children in**
24 **the special health care needs program;**

25 **(3) Five dollars to provide financial assistance to shelters for victims of domestic**
26 **violence as provided in sections 455.200 to 455.230;**

27 **(4) Five dollars to the crippled children's services fund established in section**
28 **201.090; and**

29 **(5) Fifteen dollars to the Missouri public health services fund established in section**
30 **192.900. Fee moneys designated for such fund shall be deposited in a separate subaccount**
31 **and upon appropriation, shall be used to support the collection, maintenance, analysis, and**
32 **issuance of vital records, including heritage birth certificates.**

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