ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2991 By: Ritze of the House

and

Treat of the Senate

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Oklahoma State Government Vital Statistics Modernization Act; defining terms; requiring State Department of Health to utilize portal system and website to allow individuals to access certain certificates online; requiring portal system to allow individuals to receive updates regarding request; requiring individuals to pay at time documents are ordered; permitting Department to charge certain fee; requiring fee not to exceed certain percentage of certain other fee; requiring fee to be reviewed and approved by State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34.24.2 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma State Government Vital Statistics Modernization Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34.24.3 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in the Oklahoma State Government Vital Statistics Modernization Act:

1. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

2. "Portal system" means the term as defined in subsection C of Section 34.24 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

3. "Vendor" means the privately owned online service authorized by the Department to provide birth and death certificates to individuals.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34.24.4 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Health shall utilize the portal system to allow individuals to request birth and death certificates through the web address *vitalrecords.ok.gov*. The Department shall also prominently display on its website the method in which individuals may request birth and death certificates through the web address *vitalrecords.ok.gov*.

B. The portal system shall allow individuals to receive real time updates regarding the pending status of their request. The update shall provide specific information related to the status of the request and an estimated date of delivery.

C. Individuals shall be required to pay for birth and death certificates at the time such documents are ordered online.

D. The Department may charge a convenience fee for online transactions. The convenience fee shall not exceed an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the fee charged by the vendor on January 1, 2012, and shall be reviewed and approved by the State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate