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House Bill 5289 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Julie Alexander  
House Committee: Families, Children, and Seniors  
Ways and Means  
Senate Committee: Families, Seniors and Veterans

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to prohibit the State Registrar from charging a fee for a search and not more than two certified copies or authenticated copies of a certificate or other record of stillbirth described in the Code.

MCL 333.2882 & 333.2891

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a negative fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and no fiscal impact on local units of government. Under current law, the DHHS receives a \$34 fee when an eligible individual requests a certified copy of a birth record from the State Registrar, \$16 per additional copy, and an additional \$12 if the eligible individual requests that the search be expedited. For an authenticated copy, the DHHS receives \$42 after receiving a request from an eligible individual, \$26 per additional copy, and an additional \$25 if the eligible individual requests that the search be expedited. These, and other fees, are used to support the Vital Records Program within the DHHS. This bill would result in a decrease in revenue for the State by waiving the fee for a search and up to two certified or authenticated copies of a certificate or other record of a stillbirth. According to the DHHS, between the years of 2010 and 2017, there were an average of 613 stillbirths in Michigan each year. Assuming a similar number of stillbirths happened in subsequent years, the Department would see a reduction in revenue ranging from \$20,800 to \$57,000 each year.

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