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AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	Less than \$50,000	Less than \$50,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Loss	Less than \$50,000 cumulatively	Less than \$50,000 cumulatively

Explanation

The bill waives the fee for a copy of any vital record sought in connection with an application for benefits from the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Fund (SSMF). This results in a potential revenue loss of less than \$50,000 annually to both the General Fund and cumulatively to various municipalities.¹

Each year, approximately 2,000 applications are submitted for SSMF benefits. Certified copies of vital records may be issued by the state Department of Public Health, or by an appropriate municipality's

¹Under existing state law, the spouses, children, and parents of a deceased veteran do not have to pay a fee to either the state, or to a municipal office of vital records, for a certified copy of a veteran's death certificate. The fee for certified copies of the following vital records made in connection with a SSMF application would be eliminated under the bill: marriage, civil union, birth, and fetal death

Office of Vital Records. Fees collected by DPH for certified copies of vital records are deposited into the state's General Fund. Fee revenue generated by municipalities supports those respective municipalities. Municipal vital records offices are located in each of Connecticut's 169 municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.