

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 569 (Companion to SB 529)

SHORT TITLE: Amend Vital Records Law

SPONSOR(S): Representative McCrary

FISCAL IMPACT: **Expenditures:** Increase () Decrease ()
 Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
 No Impact (X)
 No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund () Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
 Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: Amends G.S. 130A-26 by adding the misdemeanor offense of unlawful manufacture or possession of a Vital Records seal, or a reproduction or counterfeit copy of a Vital Records seal. Amends G.S. 130A-92(a) regarding State Registrar's authority with respect approval of forms used to file vital records. Amends G.S. 130A-93(a) to provide that only the State Registrar, and county officials specifically authorized by the State Registrar, shall have access to indices to original vital records.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1993

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Judicial Department;
Department of Correction

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u> 93-94	<u>FY</u> 94-95	<u>FY</u> 95-96	<u>FY</u> 96-97	<u>FY</u> 97-98
EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0	0
RECURRING					
NON-RECURRING					
REVENUES/RECEIPTS	0	0	0	0	0
RECURRING					
NON-RECURRING					

POSITIONS: No new positions.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The embossing seal referenced in this bill is used only by the Vital Records Section of the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources for legal certification of vital records. The Director of the Vital Records Section stated that only one case in three years has occurred involving this proposed crime.

Upon discussion with Jim Drennan, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), it is estimated that the number of charges filed as a result of this bill would be nominal. Hence, no fiscal impact is estimated for the Judicial Department and subsequently, the Department of Correction.

SOURCES OF DATA: Administrative Office of the Courts; Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources - Vital Records Section

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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