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TO: LOCAL REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS
CHIEF DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS
COUNTY CLERKS
COUNTY RECORDERS
SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS

SUBJECT: FEE INCREASE FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF BIRTH, DEATH, AND
FETAL DEATH

Effective January 1, 2012, the base fee for certified copies of birth, death, and fetal death records will increase. This letter is being sent to notify local offices of the forthcoming increase and to request that local offices take the necessary steps to implement the fee increase on January 1, 2012. This includes providing public notice of the fee change, updating forms and pamphlets, and revising accounting procedures to accommodate the increase.

Assembly Bill 1053, signed by Governor Brown and Chaptered on October 2, 2011, (Chapter 402, Statutes of 2011), authorizes a \$6.00 fee increase to the base fee for certified copies of birth, death, and fetal death certificates. This fee increase will be spread out over a three-year period, with a \$2.00 increase on January 1, 2012, an additional \$2.00 increase on January 1, 2013, and a third \$2.00 increase on January 1, 2014. (Certified copies of marriage and dissolution records are not affected by this bill and the base fee for these certificates will remain at \$6.00.)

For 2012, the base fee for Certified Copies of Birth, Death, and Fetal Death records will increase from \$6.00 to \$8.00. The \$2.00 fee increase will become effective January 1, 2012, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 103625 (a) and (b). The state's portion of the \$8.00 fee will be \$1.20. Form VS 5 (rev. 10/11) will reflect this change and must be used when transmitting fees that are collected on or after January 1, 2012.

An All County Letter, updated Vital Records Fee Schedule for 2012, and Form VS 5 will be distributed in early December 2011. A copy of the insert being used by the California Department of Public Health when sending brochures is included for your reference.

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If you have any questions about existing fees, please contact Ms. Antoinette Cabral, of my staff, at (916) 552-8133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Linette T. Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linette T Scott, MD, MPH
State Registrar
Deputy Director
Health Information and Strategic Planning