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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1053

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Identification to Obtain a Birth Certificate.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Micon

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies that the identification presented to obtain a birth certificate does not need to include a photograph. The bill allows a person to provide a sworn statement instead of a form of identification to obtain a birth certificate. It also requires the Department of Health to make specified changes to the form used to obtain a birth certificate.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The State Department of Health reports that the specified changes to the Application for Search and Certified Copy of Birth Record form can be made within the existing level of resources available to the Department.

Background Information -

Identification Necessary to Obtain a Birth Certificate: The State Department of Health Application for Search and Certified Copy of Birth Record, State Form 49607 (R2/9-03), specifies in the instructions that photocopies of signature identifications should be sent in the mail with the application. Driver's licenses and work identification cards are the two examples of acceptable identification documents listed on the application itself. The Department has further posted in the office for individuals applying for a certificate in person, and on the website for mail applications, that one photocopy of the following identification is acceptable: a valid state driver's license; a valid state identification; a valid work identification with a signature and for current employment; a military identification with a signature; a valid school identification with a signature for current students; a veteran's identification card; a probation or corrections identification; or a valid passport.

If the individual does not have a copy of one of the previously listed identification documents, two items on the following list may be used: a Social Security card or a stamped Social Security print-out; a credit card or bank card with signature (backside only and no EBT cards); a valid gun permit; a motor vehicle registration at least 6 months old (no vehicle titles); a rental agreement or lease (at least 6 months old); a valid professional license; a state agency referral; an original employment application (at least 6 months old) or an employment verification on letterhead (no check stubs); a current voter's registration; a previous year's signed tax return; or a military DD-214.

Specification of Criminal Penalties: The bill specifies that the State Department of Health must alter the application to include the specific penalties for the crime of making false statements on an application for a birth certificate or altering, mutilating, or counterfeiting an Indiana birth certificate. This provision applies only to the State Department of Health, which reports that the changes to the form can be accomplished within the current level of resources available.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Birth certificates are available from the State Department of Health and also from the local departments of health of the county in which a birth took place. Local departments have their own forms and requirements for identification of applicants for birth certificates. The fiscal impact on the 92 local departments of health would be dependent on the extent to which the local requirements for identification indicated on the application in current use conform to the provisions of the bill. The specification of the maximum imprisonment and fine for the criminal offense that is required to be included on the State Department application does not apply to the local departments of health.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local departments of health.

Information Sources: Indiana State Department of Health; Marion, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh, and Allen Counties' health department websites.

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