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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH ON REQUEST OF A PARENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-36 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subdivisions (16) and (17) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (NEW) (16) "Stillbirth" means an unintended, intrauterine fetal
4 death occurring in this state after a gestational age of not less than
5 twenty completed weeks in which there is no attempt at respiration, no
6 action of heart and no movement of voluntary muscle.

7 (NEW) (17) "Certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth" means a birth
8 certificate issued to record the birth of a stillborn child.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) A person who is required
10 to file a fetal death certificate pursuant to section 7-60 of the 2008
11 supplement to the general statutes shall advise the parent or parents of
12 a stillborn child:

13 (1) That a parent may, but is not required to, request the preparation
14 of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth;

15 (2) That a parent may obtain a certificate of birth resulting in
16 stillbirth by contacting the registrar of vital statistics of the town in
17 which the stillbirth occurred or the registrar of vital statistics of the
18 town in which the mother resided at the time of the stillbirth to request
19 the certificate and paying the required fee; and

20 (3) The methods by which a parent may contact the registrar of vital
21 statistics to request the certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.

22 (b) A parent may provide a name for a stillborn child on the request
23 for a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth. If the requesting parent
24 does not wish to provide a name, the registrar of vital statistics shall
25 fill in the certificate with the name "baby boy" or "baby girl" and the
26 last name of the parent. The name of the stillborn child provided on, or
27 later added by amendment to, the certificate of birth resulting in
28 stillbirth shall be the same name as placed on the original or amended
29 fetal death certificate.

30 (c) The registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the stillbirth
31 occurred or the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the
32 mother resided at the time of the stillbirth shall issue, upon request of
33 a parent, a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth. Such certificate
34 shall include the state file number of the corresponding fetal death
35 certificate and the following statement: "This certificate is not proof of
36 live birth."

37 (d) The Department of Public Health shall prescribe the form and
38 content of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth and shall specify
39 the information necessary to prepare the certificate.

40 (e) The department and the registrars of vital statistics shall not use
41 a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth to calculate live birth
42 statistics.

43 (f) A parent may request the registrar of vital statistics to issue a
44 certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth without regard to the date on

45 which the fetal death certificate was issued.

46 (g) The issuance of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth,
47 pursuant to this section, may not be used to establish, bring or support
48 a civil cause of action seeking damages against any person or entity for
49 bodily injury, personal injury or wrongful death for a stillbirth.

50 (h) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations in
51 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to
52 carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	7-36
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement a process that allows a parent to request a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth by contacting the registrar of vital statistics.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]