



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 325

LCO No. 1559



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL CHOICE IN THE EVENT OF STILLBIRTH.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "stillborn fetus" means a fetus that died after a gestation period of
3 twenty weeks or more.

4 (b) The mother of a stillborn fetus shall have the right to arrange for
5 burial or cremation of the fetus. When practicable, upon admission to a
6 hospital in which a mother expects to deliver a stillborn fetus, such
7 hospital shall notify the mother in writing of her right to arrange for
8 burial or cremation of the fetus. If notification upon admission is not
9 practicable, or the mother did not expect to deliver a stillborn fetus at
10 the time of admission, such notification shall be made not later than
11 twenty-four hours after admission. Not later than twenty-four hours
12 after being notified by the hospital under this subsection, the mother
13 may elect, in writing, to arrange for the burial or cremation of the
14 stillborn fetus. The Department of Public Health shall prescribe the
15 forms to be used for notifications and elections under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require hospitals to inform mothers of stillborn fetuses of the right to arrange for burial or cremation of such fetuses.

[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.]