



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 325

February Session, 2018



**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE ADEQUACY OF CERTAIN
NOTICE PROVIDED TO MOTHERS OF STILLBORN FETUSES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) The Commissioner of Public Health
2 shall conduct a study concerning the adequacy of notice provided to
3 mothers by hospitals in this state regarding the right of such mothers
4 to arrange for burial or cremation of stillborn fetuses delivered by such
5 mothers in such hospitals. Such study shall include, but not be limited
6 to, the form, content and adequacy of such notice, the adequacy of
7 hospitals' policies regarding such notice and the appropriateness of the
8 timing of such notice during such mothers' hospital admissions. Not
9 later than January 1, 2019, the commissioner shall submit a report to
10 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
11 cognizance of matters relating to public health and children, in
12 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
13 Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the findings of such
14 study and recommendations for a uniform policy to be implemented
15 in hospitals in this state concerning the form, content and timing of
16 such notice. For the purposes of this section, "stillborn fetuses" means
17 fetuses that died after a gestation period of twenty weeks or more.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
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