

***S.B. No. 298 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING BURIAL AND CREMATION
IN CASES OF SPONTANEOUS FETAL DEMISE.**

In 2012 we miscarried our first child at seven weeks gestation and found out at twelve weeks. Being newlyweds and Newtown residents who were highly affected and personally involved in the Newtown-Sandy Hook Tragedy, it was a very difficult beginning to our marriage. We had to have a dilation and curettage procedure (D&C) at the Danbury, CT Duracell Center where we asked if it would be possible to obtain the remains of our child. The staff declined our request saying that they would dispose of them as human tissue. Many years have passed and it is still extremely difficult understanding what happened to our child's remains, and we have never had a place to memorialize or visit our child in order to grieve our loss. To this day we are still hurting from this painful time in our lives and hope that this bill would help others in a similar situation to be able to properly grieve their loss in order to have a sense of closure.

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