



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6507

House of Representatives, March 30, 2021

The Committee on Children reported through REP. LINEHAN of the 103rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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, 2021*) (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) Any mother of a stillborn fetus shall have the right to arrange for
5 burial or cremation of the fetus in accordance with this subsection.
6 When practicable, upon admission to a hospital in which a mother is
7 expected to deliver a stillborn fetus, the hospital shall notify the mother
8 in writing of her right to arrange for such burial or cremation. If
9 notification upon admission is not practicable, or the mother was not
10 expected to deliver a stillborn fetus at the time of admission, such
11 notification shall be made not later than twenty-four hours after
12 admission. Any mother who wishes to arrange for burial or cremation
13 of a fetus shall elect to arrange for such burial or cremation in writing.
14 Such writing shall be delivered to the hospital not later than seventy-

15 two hours after the mother's discharge from the hospital. If a mother
16 does not elect to arrange for such burial or cremation, the mother may
17 elect to be notified by the hospital of the manner of the final disposition
18 of the remains of the stillborn fetus. The Department of Public Health
19 shall prescribe the forms to be used for notifications and elections under
20 this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which makes certain requirements of hospitals towards the mothers of fetuses that died after a gestation period of twenty weeks or more, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill gives the mother of a fetus that died after a gestation period of 20 weeks or more (i.e., stillborn fetus) the right to arrange for the stillborn fetus's burial or cremation.

The bill requires the hospital to give the mother written notification of her right to make these arrangements at the following times:

1. upon admission, when practicable, if she is expected to deliver a stillborn fetus or
2. within 24 hours after admission, if notifying her upon admission is not practicable or she was not expected to deliver a stillborn fetus when admitted.

It also requires a mother who wishes to arrange for burial or cremation of the fetus to (1) make the election in writing and (2) deliver it to the hospital within 72 hours after discharge from the hospital.

The bill allows a mother who chooses not to arrange for burial or cremation to elect to be notified by the hospital of the manner of the final disposition of the stillborn fetus's remains.

Lastly, the bill requires the Department of Public Health to prescribe the forms to be used for the notices and elections.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/15/2021)