



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6507

January Session, 2021



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	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

KID *Joint Favorable Subst.*