



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 620

PRINTER'S NO: 667

PRIME SPONSOR: Corman

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 620 adds Section 207 to the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, requiring the Department of Health to issue a birth certificate for a stillbirth at the request of the parent. The fee for a certificate shall be the same as the fee for a death certificate. The bill specifies that the certificate shall include the name of the stillborn child; date of delivery; county of delivery; mother's name and birthplace; and father's name and birthplace. The certificate shall also include the statement: "This certificate is not proof of live birth."

The bill specifies that the certificate shall not affect the registration, filing, or record requirements of the Vital Statistics Law, nor impose any additional duties upon a coroner or medical examiner.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Enactment of Senate Bill 620 is not expected to impact commonwealth funds. The act specifies that a fee may be charged equal to that of a death certificate (currently \$9.00) which would offset any costs associated with producing the certificate. Additionally, the bill clarifies that the certificate shall not impose further requirements on the department relating to the Vital Statistics Law, as it is at the request of the parent on a case-by-case basis.

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