

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 620 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, PILEGGI, BROWNE, GORDNER, ALLOWAY,  
BRUBAKER, EICHELBERGER, O'PAKE, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY,  
TOMLINSON AND YAW, MARCH 13, 2009

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 13, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An  
2 act providing for the administration of a statewide system of  
3 vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State  
4 Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and  
5 local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners,  
6 prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians,  
7 midwives and other persons; requiring reports and  
8 certificates for the registration of vital statistics;  
9 regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the  
10 disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital  
11 statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and  
12 penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating  
13 thereto," providing for certificate of birth resulting in  
14 stillbirth.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. The act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known  
18 as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is amended by adding a  
19 section to read:

20 Section 207. Department: Certificate of Birth Resulting in  
21 Stillbirth.--Upon request from the mother or father, a  
22 certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall be issued by  
23 the department for any fetal death previously filed with the

1 department. The fee for issuance shall be the same as the fee  
2 for a death certificate. The certificate shall include, but not  
3 be limited to, the following:

4 (1) Name of the stillborn child.

5 (2) Date of delivery.

6 (3) County of delivery.

7 (4) Mother's name and birthplace.

8 (5) Father's name and birthplace.

9 (6) The statement: "This certificate is not proof of live  
10 birth."

11 Such certificate shall not affect the registration, filing or  
12 record requirements of this act, nor shall the issuance of such  
13 certificate impose upon a coroner or medical examiner any  
14 additional duties to conduct an investigation.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.