

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, MICHLOVIC, RITTER, BUNT, NOYE,  
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NAHILL, ARTY, STABACK, WOGAN, SALOOM, CARLSON, HECKLER,  
MERRY, SEMMEL AND PETRONE, MARCH 18, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 18, 1987

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 that death certificates shall include  
14 certain additional information.

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

17 Section 1. Section 204 of the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304,  
18 No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is amended to  
19 read:

20 Section 204. Department: Forms.--The department shall  
21 prescribe the forms for all certificates required by this act.  
22 The department may prescribe all other forms necessary for

1 collecting, transcribing, compiling and preserving vital  
2 statistics. The department shall include in such forms all  
3 standard items which contribute to a uniform comparable  
4 nationwide system of vital statistics. Death certificate forms  
5 shall include a space for entry of the surname of the deceased  
6 prior to taking any other name by marriage.

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