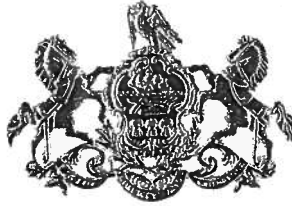


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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

From: Senator Jake Corman

Date: December 10, 2010

RE: **Co-sponsorship memo # 4** – “Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth”

I plan to reintroduce Senate Bill 620 of 2009, legislation to amend the Vital Statistics Law, allowing a parent to request a “Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth” from the Department of Health. This certificate would be in addition to current law which provides for a certificate of fetal death.

The legislative intent for this bill came from a constituent of mine who had a child who was stillborn. In speaking with her, I came to the conclusion that legislation like this would allow a parent an additional opportunity to bring closure to their grief and provide a meaningful way of remembering their loss. The parent could, but would not be required to provide information to the Department which would be included on the certificate.

The issuance of a “Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth” would not change any reporting or recording requirements of the Department of Health and would not require a coroner or medical examiner to conduct an investigation as required under the laws that govern their powers and responsibilities. The cost of the certificate would be the same as the cost for a death certificate, currently set at \$9. The legislation is in no way affiliated with the pro-life or pro-choice movements.

Senate Bill 620 of 2009 – Senators Pileggi, Browne, Gordner, Alloway, Brubaker, Eichelberger, O’Pake, Orié, Pippy, Rafferty, Tomlinson, and Yaw.

If you have any questions with regard to this co-sponsorship, please contact Scott Sikorski in my office at 787-1377.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Kristi Kreiser in my office at 787-1377 or by email at kkreiser@paesn.gov.