

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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YOUNGBLOOD AND MANTZ, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

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," further providing for registration districts and  
14 local registrars' duties; and providing for form of certain  
15 death certificates.

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

18 Section 1. Section 303 of the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304,  
19 No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, amended  
20 October 27, 2006 (P.L.1200, No.129), is amended to read:

21 Section 303. Registration Districts: Local Registrars'  
22 Duties.--Local registrars shall perform the duties imposed upon  
23 them by this act, under and subject to the supervision of the

1 department. Local registrars shall transmit certificates and  
2 transcripts to such places and at such times as shall be  
3 prescribed by the department and shall transmit, [for a person  
4 who was at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of  
5 death, a copy of the death certificate] no later than the fifth  
6 day of each month, notices of death for all persons who were at  
7 least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of death and for  
8 whom the registrar issued death certificates during the  
9 preceding month to the county board of elections of the county  
10 in which the person resided at the time of death.

11 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

12 Section 306. Registration Districts; Forms.--The notice of  
13 death required under section 303 shall be substantially in the  
14 following form:

15 Notice of Death

- 16 1. The name of the deceased is (name of deceased).  
17 2. The date of birth of the deceased is (date of birth)  
18 and the date of death is (date of death).  
19 3. The gender of the deceased is (gender of the  
20 deceased).  
21 4. The last four digits of the Social Security number of  
22 the deceased are (last four digits of the Social  
23 Security number).

24 Signed \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.