

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ARMSTRONG AND BROWNE, APRIL 23, 2007

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 23, 2007

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.

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

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

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

1 transcripts to such places and at such times as shall be
2 prescribed by the department [and shall transmit, for a person
3 who was at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of
4 death, a copy of the death certificate to the county board of
5 elections of the county in which the person resided at the time
6 of death].

7 (b) (1) A county board of elections may submit a request to
8 the department that the county board of elections be notified by
9 a local registrar of the death for all persons who are at least
10 eighteen (18) years of age and reside in the county at the time
11 of death. The information transmitted shall be limited to only
12 the name, date of birth, date of death, gender and address of
13 the decedent.

14 (2) The department shall provide to the local registrars a
15 list of all county boards of elections that requested
16 notification under paragraph (1) every six (6) months.

17 (3) A local registrar shall transmit the notification to the
18 county board of elections that is included in the list provided
19 under paragraph (2) at the same time that the local registrar
20 files its report with the department.

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