

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 958 Session of  
2011

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EVANKOVICH, GALLOWAY, HACKETT AND KILLION, MARCH 7, 2011

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
JUNE 8, 2011

## 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.--(a) Upon request from the mother or father, a



certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall be issued by  
the department for any fetal death previously filed with the  
department. IF THE FATHER IS NOT IDENTIFIED ON THE FETAL DEATH  
RECORD OR THE CHILD WAS CONCEIVED DURING A CRIMINAL ACT, ONLY  
THE MOTHER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO REQUEST THE CERTIFICATE OF  
BIRTH RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH. The fee for issuance shall be the  
same as the fee for a death certificate issued by the  
department. The certificate shall include, but not be limited  
to, the following:

- (1) Name of the stillborn child.
- (2) Date of delivery.
- (3) County of delivery.
- (4) Mother's name and birthplace.
- (5) Father's name and birthplace.
- (6) The statement: "This certificate is not proof of live  
birth."
- (b) Such certificate shall not affect the registration,  
filing or record requirements of this act, nor shall the  
issuance of such certificate impose upon a coroner or medical  
examiner any additional duties to conduct an investigation.

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