

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 12, 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," further providing for death certificates.

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

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

19 Section 204. Department: Forms.--The department shall  
20 prescribe the forms for all certificates required by this act.  
21 The department may prescribe all other forms necessary for  
22 collecting, transcribing, compiling and preserving vital  
23 statistics. The department shall include in such forms all

1 standard items which contribute to a uniform comparable  
2 nationwide system of vital statistics. The department shall  
3 provide, upon the request of an individual, death certificates  
4 without the cause of death shown on the death certificate for  
5 any death registered through an electronic death registration  
6 system.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect June 30, 2012, or  
8 immediately, whichever is later.