

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 326** Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, SCARNATI, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, GORDNER,
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, JUNE 20, 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.--Upon request from the mother or father, a
22 certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall be issued by



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

9 (1) Name of the stillborn child.

10 (2) Date of delivery.

11 (3) County of delivery.

12 (4) Mother's name and birthplace.

13 (5) Father's name and birthplace.

14 (6) The statement: "This certificate is not proof of live
15 birth."

16 Such certificate shall not affect the registration, filing or
17 record requirements of this act, nor shall the issuance of such
18 certificate impose upon a coroner or medical examiner any
19 additional duties to conduct an investigation.

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