
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for a commemorative certificate of a nonviable birth prior to the 20th week of gestation.

Proposed law establishes a commemorative certificate of nonviable birth, which is defined as an unintentional, spontaneous fetal demise occurring prior to the 20th week of gestation during a pregnancy that has been verified by a healthcare practitioner.

Proposed law provides that a licensed healthcare practitioner who attends or diagnoses a nonviable birth or a licensed healthcare facility where a nonviable birth occurs shall advise a patient that they may request the commemorative certificate.

Proposed law provides that the Vital Records Registry shall issue a commemorative certificate of nonviable birth upon receipt of a request of a patient and healthcare practitioner verification.

Proposed law provides that the initial commemorative certificate of nonviable birth shall be provided at no charge with all subsequent requests complying with present law fee schedules.

Proposed law provides that the commemorative certificate will contain the name of the fetus and the gender, if known. If the name of the fetus is not furnished by the patient, the commemorative certificate with name "Baby Boy" or "Baby Girl" along with the last name of the patient if the gender of the fetus is known. If the gender of the fetus is not known the name "Baby" along with the last name of the patient will be printed.

Proposed law provides that a commemorative certificate is commemorative in nature and has no legal effect.

(Adds R.S. 40:101)