

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 353 (HB 457)

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New law establishes a commemorative certificate of miscarried child. A "miscarried child" means an unintentional, spontaneous fetal demise occurring prior to or during the 20th week of gestation during a pregnancy.

New law directs the vital records registry to provide on its website a form that may be completed by a healthcare provider or his designee affirming that he attended or diagnosed a patient who experienced a miscarried child.

New law provides that the vital records registry shall issue a commemorative certificate of miscarried child at the request of the patient and submission of the form completed by a healthcare provider or his designee.

New law provides that the initial commemorative certificate of miscarried child shall be provided at no charge with all subsequent requests complying with existing law fee schedules for certified copies of vital records.

New law provides that the commemorative certificate will contain the name of the fetus and the gender. If the name of the fetus is not furnished by the patient, the vital records registry may complete 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 not known, the name "Baby" along with the last name of the patient will be printed.

New law provides that the commemorative certificate is commemorative in nature and has no legal effect.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 40:101)