

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVES PUGH AND AMEDEE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:32(16) and 92(A), relative to instances of spontaneous fetal
3 death, known also as stillbirth; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance
4 of certificates of stillbirth to parents; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:32(16) and 92(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §32. Definition of terms

9 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed
10 to them in this Section unless otherwise provided for or unless the context otherwise
11 indicates:

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13 (16) "Spontaneous fetal death" ~~(stillbirth) means~~ and "stillbirth" mean the
14 expulsion or extraction of a product of human conception resulting in other than a
15 live birth and when the expulsion or extraction is not the result of an induced
16 termination of pregnancy.

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18 §92. Certificate of stillbirth; requirements

19 A.(1) In addition to the requirements in R.S. 40:47 and 49, the state registrar
20 shall establish a certificate of stillbirth on a form approved by the state registrar for
21 each spontaneous fetal death which occurs in this state after twenty complete weeks
22 of gestation or more, calculated from the date the last normal menstrual period began
23 to the date of delivery, or a weight of three hundred fifty grams or more; and for each

