

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VITAL STATISTICS: Provides relative to Missing Angel Certificates issued by the state registrar of vital records

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:92(A)(1), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4), and (C) and
3 to enact R.S. 40:92(A)(3), relative to certificates of stillbirth; to designate a
4 certificate of stillbirth as a "Missing Angel Certificate"; to provide that the Missing
5 Angel Certificate shall appear on the publicly available ordering form for birth and
6 death certificates and on any successor forms provided by the office of public health;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:92(A)(1), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4), and (C) are hereby
10 amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:92(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §92. ~~Certificate of stillbirth~~ Missing Angel Certificate; requirements

12 A.(1) In addition to the requirements in R.S. 40:47 and 49, the state registrar
13 shall establish a certificate of stillbirth, to be designated as the "Missing Angel
14 Certificate", on a form approved by the state registrar for each spontaneous fetal
15 death which occurs in this state after twenty complete weeks of gestation or more,
16 calculated from the date the last normal menstrual period began to the date of
17 delivery, or a weight of three hundred fifty grams or more; and for each instance of
18 spontaneous fetal death when a parent of a stillborn child requests such a certificate
19 ~~of stillbirth.~~

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1 (3) The office of public health shall provide the Missing Angel Certificate
2 on the publicly available ordering forms for birth and death certificates, and on any
3 successor forms as provided by the vital records registry.

4 B. The ~~certificate of stillbirth~~ Missing Angel Certificate shall be identified
5 as a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth and shall contain the following
6 information:

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8 (4) The ~~certificate of stillbirth~~ Missing Angel Certificate shall clearly
9 indicate that it is not proof of a live birth.

10 C. One copy of the ~~certificate~~ Missing Angel Certificate of birth resulting in
11 stillbirth shall be provided by the vital records registry at no cost upon request.
12 Additional copies shall be subject to the same fees as a certificate of live birth as
13 provided in R.S. 40:40.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that a certificate of stillbirth shall be designated as a "Missing Angel Certificate".

Present law provides that the state registrar shall place a certificate of stillbirth on a form approved by the state registrar for each spontaneous fetal death that occurs in this state.

Proposed law revises present law to designate that a certificate of stillbirth shall be recognized as the Missing Angel Certificate for each spontaneous fetal death that occurs in this state.

Present law designates that a certificate of stillbirth shall be provided by the vital records registry upon the request of the parent or parents of a stillborn child.

Proposed law provides that the office of public health shall designate the placement of the Missing Angel Certificate on the publicly available ordering forms for birth and death certificates and on any successor forms provided by present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:92(A)(1), (B)(intro. para.) and (4), and (C); Adds R.S. 40:92(A)(3))