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## DIGEST

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HB No. 918

**Abstract:** Enacts the "Missing Angels Act".

Present law provides for the preparation and filing of spontaneous fetal death certificates for stillborn babies.

Proposed law maintains present law and additionally allows the parent or parents of a stillborn baby to request the issuance of a certificate of stillbirth.

Proposed law requires the certificate of stillbirth to meet all the requirements of form, preparation, disclosure, evidence, issuance, copies, and fees for birth certificates.

Proposed law authorizes the filing of delayed certificates of stillbirth in accordance with DHH regulations.

(Adds R.S. 40:91-94)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Provides that the birth certificate of a stillborn child shall be designated a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.
2. Enumerates the information that shall be recorded on the certificate, including the name, or at least the sex of the deceased child, the date and location of the birth, the name of the mother, and the name of the father, if available.
3. Specifies that the certificate shall clearly indicate that it is not proof of a live birth.
4. Stipulates that the procedure for filing the certificate shall meet the requirements of R.S. 40:44 and that fees for additional copies after the first free copy shall be subject to the requirements of R.S. 40:40.