

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

VITAL STATS/BIRTH CERT. Provides for a certificate of stillbirth.

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DIGEST

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

Proposed law maintains present law and additionally requires that the certificate be provided upon request of the parent of a stillborn child.

Proposed law requires the certificate of stillbirth be identified as such.

(Adds R.S. 40:91-92)

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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill.

1. Requires a certificate of stillbirth to be provided upon request of a parent.
2. Deletes requirement that the certificate of stillbirth meet all the requirements of form, preparation, disclosure, evidence, issuance, copies, and fees of birth certificate.
3. Deletes the provisions for delayed certificate of stillbirth.