

Regular Session, 2003

ACT No. 591

HOUSE BILL NO. 918

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER AND SENATOR SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:91 through 92, relative to birth certificates; to provide for the issuance of certificates of stillbirth; to provide for delayed certificates of stillbirth; to provide for certified copies and fees; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Part VI of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:91 through 92, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART VI. CERTIFICATE OF STILLBIRTH

§91. Title

This Part may be known and referred to as the "Missing Angels Act".

§92. Certificate of stillbirth; requirements

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

be provided by the Vital Records Registry upon the request of the parent or parents of a stillborn child.

B. The certificate of stillbirth shall be identified as a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth and shall contain the following information:

(1) The name of the child who shall be identified as deceased, or if the child is not named, the preparer shall include the sex of the child who shall be identified as deceased.

(2) The date and location of the stillbirth.

(3) The name of the mother and the father if the father's name is available.

(4) The certificate of stillbirth shall clearly indicate that it is not proof of a live birth.

C. One copy of the certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall be provided by the Vital Records Registry at no cost upon request. Additional copies shall be subject to the same fees as a certificate of live birth as provided in R.S. 40:40.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____