

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 602

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

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

VITAL STATS/BIRTH CERT: Requires La. birth certificate forms to be produced in bilingual (English and La. French) format

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:34(A), relative to vital records forms; to require that text of  
3 the birth certificate form appear in bilingual format; to provide relative to the system  
4 of writing employed for certain birth certificate text; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:34(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §34. Vital records forms

9 A.(1) The certificate forms prescribed by the state registrar shall include, as  
10 a minimum, the items listed ~~below~~ in Subsection B of this Section and any others  
11 recommended by the national office in charge of gathering vital statistics. Only  
12 these forms shall be used in registering, recording, and preserving the vital  
13 information required by this Chapter.

14 ~~These (2)(a)~~ The forms provided for in this Section shall be typewritten in  
15 black type or written in jet black ink or transferred by electronic means.

16 ~~Additionally each (b)~~ Each certificate of a birth occurring in a licensed  
17 hospital shall be typewritten in black type or computer generated.

18 (c) All text of the birth certificate form prescribed by the state registrar shall  
19 appear on the form in both the English language and the Louisiana French language

