

No. 2011-62

AN ACT

SB 326

Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An act providing for the administration of a statewide system of vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners, prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians, midwives and other persons; requiring reports and certificates for the registration of vital statistics; regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto," providing for certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 207. Department: Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth.— Upon request from the mother or father, a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall be issued by the department for any fetal death previously filed with the department. If the father is not identified on the fetal death record or the child was conceived during a criminal act, only the mother shall be permitted to request the certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth. The fee for issuance shall be the same as the fee for a death certificate issued by the department. The certificate shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Name of the stillborn child.***
- (2) Date of delivery.***
- (3) County of delivery.***
- (4) Mother's name and birthplace.***
- (5) Father's name and birthplace.***
- (6) The statement: "This certificate is not proof of live birth."***

Such certificate shall not affect the registration, filing or record requirements of this act, nor shall the issuance of such certificate impose upon a coroner or medical examiner any additional duties to conduct an investigation.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 7th day of July, A.D. 2011

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