## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

## 2013 and 2014

#### HB0960

Introduced 1/25/2013, by Rep. Anthony DeLuca

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 535/20.5

Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that after each fetal death that occurs in this State after a gestation period of at least 20 (instead of 26) completed weeks, the person who files a required fetal death certificate in connection with that death shall, only upon request by the woman who delivered the stillborn fetus, also prepare a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth (instead of a certificate of stillbirth). Provides that in the case of a fetal death that occurred in this State after a gestation period of at least 20 (instead of 26) completed weeks and before the effective date of the amendatory Act, a parent of the stillborn child may request that the person who filed a required fetal death certificate in connection with that death shall also prepare a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth (instead of a certificate of stillbirth). Changes other references from certificate of stillbirth to certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing
Section 20.5 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/20.5)

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Sec. 20.5. Certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.

8 (a) The State Registrar shall prescribe and distribute a 9 form for a certificate of <u>birth resulting in</u> stillbirth. The 10 certificate shall be in the same format as a certificate of 11 live birth prepared under Section 12 and shall be filed in the 12 same manner as a certificate of live birth.

(b) After each fetal death that occurs in this State after 13 14 a gestation period of at least 20 <del>26</del> completed weeks, the person who files a fetal death certificate in connection with 15 16 that death as required under Section 20 shall, only upon 17 request by the woman who delivered the stillborn fetus, also prepare a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth. The 18 19 person shall prepare the certificate on the form prescribed and 20 furnished by the State Registrar and in accordance with the 21 rules adopted by the State Registrar.

(c) If the stillborn's parent or parents do not wish toprovide a name for the stillborn, the person who prepares the

certificate of <u>birth resulting in</u> stillbirth shall leave blank
 any references to the stillborn's name.

3 (d) When a stillbirth occurs in this State and the 4 stillbirth has not been registered within one year after the 5 delivery, a certificate marked "delayed" may be filed and 6 registered in accordance with regulations adopted by the State 7 Registrar. The certificate must show on its face the date of 8 registration.

9 (e) In the case of a fetal death that occurred in this 10 State after a gestation period of at least 20 <del>26</del> completed 11 weeks and before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 12 the 98th <del>93rd</del> General Assembly, a parent of the stillborn child 13 may request that the person who filed a fetal death certificate in connection with that death as required under Section 20 14 15 shall also prepare a certificate of birth resulting in 16 stillbirth with respect to the fetus. If a parent of a 17 stillborn makes such a request under this subsection (e), the person who filed a fetal death certificate shall prepare the 18 19 certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth and file it with 20 the designated registrar within 30 days after the request by 21 the parent.

22 (Source: P.A. 93-578, eff. 8-21-03.)

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