

1 AN ACT in relation to public health.

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

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

6 (410 ILCS 535/20.5 new)

7 Sec. 20.5. Certificate of stillbirth.

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

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

22 (c) If the stillborn's parent or parents do not wish to  
23 provide a name for the stillborn, the person who prepares the  
24 certificate of stillbirth shall leave blank any references to  
25 the stillborn's name.

26 (d) When a stillbirth occurs in this State and the  
27 stillbirth has not been registered within one year after the  
28 delivery, a certificate marked "delayed" may be filed and  
29 registered in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
30 State Registrar. The certificate must show on its face the  
31 date of registration.

1       (e) In the case of a fetal death that occurred in this  
2       State after a gestation period of at least 26 completed weeks  
3       and before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
4       93rd General Assembly, a parent of the stillborn child may  
5       request that the person who filed a fetal death certificate  
6       in connection with that death as required under Section 20  
7       shall also prepare a certificate of stillbirth with respect  
8       to the fetus. If a parent of a stillborn makes such a  
9       request under this subsection (e), the person who filed a  
10       fetal death certificate shall prepare the certificate of  
11       stillbirth and file it with the designated registrar within  
12       30 days after the request by the parent.

13       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14       becoming law.