2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

<u>enrolled</u> ACT No. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVES PUGH AND AMEDEE

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:32(16) and 92(A), relative to instances of spontaneous fetal
3	death, known also as stillbirth; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance
4	of certificates of stillbirth to parents; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 40:32(16) and 92(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7	follows:
8	§32. Definition of terms
9	As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed
10	to them in this Section unless otherwise provided for or unless the context otherwise
11	indicates:
12	* * *
13	(16) "Spontaneous fetal death" (stillbirth) means and "stillbirth" mean the
14	expulsion or extraction of a product of human conception resulting in other than a
15	live birth and when the expulsion or extraction is not the result of an induced
16	termination of pregnancy.
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18	§92. Certificate of stillbirth; requirements
19	A.(1) In addition to the requirements in R.S. 40:47 and 49, the state registrar
20	shall establish a certificate of stillbirth on a form approved by the state registrar for
21	each spontaneous fetal death which occurs in this state after twenty complete weeks
22	of gestation or more, calculated from the date the last normal menstrual period began
23	to the date of delivery, or a weight of three hundred fifty grams or more; and for each

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1	instance of spontaneous fetal death when a parent of a stillborn child requests a
2	certificate of stillbirth.
3	(2) This The certificate established pursuant to this Section shall be provided
4	by the Vital Records Registry upon the request of the parent or parents of a stillborn
5	child.
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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