

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 239

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

VITAL STATISTICS: Provides relative to Missing Angel Certificates issued by the state registrar of vital records

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:92(A)(1), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4), and (C) and  
3 to enact R.S. 40:92(A)(3), relative to certificates of stillbirth; to designate a  
4 certificate of stillbirth as a "Missing Angel Certificate"; to provide that the Missing  
5 Angel Certificate shall appear on the publicly available ordering form for birth and  
6 death certificates and on any successor forms provided by the office of public health;  
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:92(A)(1), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4), and (C) are hereby  
10 amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:92(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §92. ~~Certificate of stillbirth~~ Missing Angel Certificate; requirements

12 A.(1) In addition to the requirements in R.S. 40:47 and 49, the state registrar  
13 shall establish a certificate of stillbirth, to be designated as the "Missing Angel  
14 Certificate", on a form approved by the state registrar for each spontaneous fetal  
15 death which occurs in this state after twenty complete weeks of gestation or more,  
16 calculated from the date the last normal menstrual period began to the date of  
17 delivery, or a weight of three hundred fifty grams or more; and for each instance of  
18 spontaneous fetal death when a parent of a stillborn child requests such a certificate  
19 ~~of stillbirth.~~

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