

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 523 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, MUTH, L. WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD, SAVAL, STREET AND KANE, MARCH 15, 2023

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 15, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An
 2 act providing for the administration of a statewide system of
 3 vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State
 4 Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and
 5 local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners,
 6 prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians,
 7 midwives and other persons; requiring reports and
 8 certificates for the registration of vital statistics;
 9 regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the
 10 disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital
 11 statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and
 12 penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating
 13 thereto," in birth registration, providing for certain
 14 information prohibited.

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

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

20 Section 404. Birth Registration: Certain Information
 21 Prohibited.--(a) No certificate of birth filed under this act
 22 after the effective date of this subsection may identify the
 23 child's sex.

24 (b) The prohibition under subsection (a) shall not apply to

1 any form or data related to a child's birth that is submitted or
2 compiled pursuant to Federal law or regulation.

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