

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 159(HES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/16/07

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GATTO, Lynn, Fairclough

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the issuance of a certificate of birth resulting in a stillbirth."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 18.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 18.50.235. Certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.** (a) The person  
5 required to file a fetal death registration under AS 18.50.240(b) shall advise the  
6 mother and, if the father is present, the father of a stillborn child

7 (1) that the parent may request the preparation of a certificate of birth  
8 resulting in stillbirth;

9 (2) that the parent may obtain a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth  
10 by contacting the bureau; and

11 (3) of the contact information for the bureau.

12 (b) The parent of a stillborn child who requests a certificate of birth resulting  
13 in stillbirth may provide a name of a stillborn child for placement on the certificate. If  
14 a name is not provided, the bureau shall cause the certificate to show either "baby  
15 boy" or "baby girl," as appropriate, and the last name of the parent who requested the

1 certificate. The name of the stillborn child provided on the certificate of birth resulting  
2 in stillbirth must be the same name as the name on the fetal death certificate.

3 (c) A certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth must include the state file  
4 number of the corresponding fetal death certificate.

5 (d) The department shall prescribe the form and content of a certificate of  
6 birth resulting in stillbirth to record the birth of a stillborn child and specify the  
7 information required to prepare the certificate.

8 (e) A certificate issued under this section is not proof of a live birth, and the  
9 certificate must contain the phrase "not proof of live birth." The bureau may not use a  
10 certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth to calculate live birth statistics.

11 (f) A certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth that is issued by the bureau shall  
12 be filed with the local registrar of the registration district in which the delivery  
13 occurred within five days after issuance. The local registrar shall file the certificate of  
14 birth resulting in stillbirth with the fetal death certificate.

15 (g) A parent may request that the bureau issue a certificate of birth resulting in  
16 still birth regardless of the date on which the certificate of fetal death was issued.

17 (h) The department may adopt regulations needed to implement this section.

18 (i) In this section, "stillbirth" or "stillborn" refers to an unintended, intrauterine  
19 fetal death occurring in the state after a gestational age of 20 completed weeks.