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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2(HSS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/13/09

Referred: Judiciary

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GATTO, Gruenberg, Dahlstrom, Lynn, Keller

**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) After a  
5 stillbirth occurs in the state, the person required to file a fetal death registration under  
6 AS 18.50.240(b) shall advise the mother and, if the father is present, the father

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

1 certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth must be the same name as the name on the  
2 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 and specify the information required to  
7 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 parent may request that the bureau issue a certificate of birth resulting in  
12 stillbirth regardless of the date on which the certificate of fetal death was issued.

13 (g) The department may adopt regulations needed to implement this section.

14 (h) In this section,

15 (1) "fetal death" has the meaning given in AS 18.50.950;

16 (2) "stillbirth" means a fetal death that resulted in the issuance of a  
17 fetal death certificate under AS 18.50.240.