

HB

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HB 159

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

HB 159 is meant to help bring closure to those who have suffered the loss of a stillborn child by giving them a Birth Certificate reflecting that they had a child who was stillborn. To paraphrase one parent of a stillborn child said being able to receive a Birth Certificate for that child would make me feel complete in that it would acknowledge that my daughter existed, even if it was only for a short while.

In existing law parents of a stillborn child receive a death certificate. This bill would allow parents the option of requesting a certificate of birth for their stillborn child. This birth certificate is completely optional. If the parents choose to have a Birth Certificate issued they also have the choice to have a name on it and if they choose not to name the child the Birth Certificate will reflect either "baby boy" or "baby girl."

There are an increasing number of states that are now offering Birth Certificates for parents of Stillborns. Let us join these states and offer parents of stillborns the option of obtaining a Birth Certificate for their child. I urge your support for HB 159.

Sandra Wilson

From: Michelle Hoyt [mehoyt@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 6:55 PM
To: Sandra Wilson
Subject: Still Birth Bill

Sandra,

The bill to create a 'Birth Certificate resulting in a Still Birth' would make me and a lot of people feel complete. My daughter was still born at 36 weeks and we had a large funeral for her. The idea that the state will only accept the fact that she died is so heart breaking. How can a person die with out being born? Having that piece of paper in my hand would bring closure to the entire grieving process. This would validate that my little girl was once here and apart of our lives.

Thanks so much for bringing this bill forward.

Michelle Hoyt
907-357-4891

Sandra Wilson

From: rhonda crawford [rnksb@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2007 11:56 PM
To: Sandra Wilson
Subject: MISSing Angel Foundation Bill

Hello Ms. Wilson,

I have recently become involved in the MISSing Angels Foundation to try to assist with getting the HB 159 passed. I noticed a televised hearing on Gavel to Gavel, and see that most of you in attendance were in agreement that this is an important bill and it should be passed. I was wondering where in the process that bill is and also if the wording "Certificate of Birth Resulting in Still Birth" will be adopted? I have written to legislatures in the past, but have not had a response from one of them.

I am the parent who has lost a child to still birth. I was full term and lost her two days before she was due to be born. I went in for a regular test on Monday, all was well and another test on Wednesday, we could not find a heart beat. I gave birth to a beautiful daughter. She lived for 9 months, growing inside me. But we lost her and part of ourselves that day.

It is undescrivable. A nurse came in the next day and gave me the paper work for a Birth Certificate, we filled it out and about 15 minutes later, another nurse came in and said we filled out the wrong form, that we had to fill out a form for a Death Certificate. It was like being kicked when you are down. We left the hospital with nothing. Although some people may not understand the importance of the Birth Certificate Resulting in Still Birth, to those that have endured the tragic loss, it has more value than one can know.

Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, not only for myself, but all parents hit with this devastating loss. It is such an easy thing to do and yet would mean so much. I am also hoping that the bill will allow parents that have lost a child many years ago to obtain one of the certificates.

Please, if you could, would you respond to this e-mail so that I may be informed of the progress of HB 159. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Rhonda Crawford
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Soldotna, AK 99669

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Bonnie Gruening

From: Colleen Sullivan-Leonard [colleen_sullivan_leonard@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 2:49 PM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB 159

Dear Carl,

Thank you, thank you thank you! I appreciate you bringing this legislation forward on behalf of many parents who have lost a little one due to fetal demise. I am one of those people. I lost my daughter Michelle at 32 weeks gestation, my first child. I was 21 years old and at that time all the hospital staff requested was for me to sign a death certificate for vital statistics and that was it. Imagine my surprise when 3 months later I went through an incredible grieving process for this child. At that time there was very little interaction with staff, counselors or family members regarding this loss. Many well meaning friends would say, it happened, move on with life. It is a true loss and no one knows what it feels like until you go through it. I believe this bill will assist in the acknowledgement of the child that was wanted and loved and also assist in the grieving process as well. I do know that hospitals now days do assist in the grieving process following a fetal demise and I have worked with several families who have had a loss so I know we have come a long way on this issue.

Thank you for bringing this forward, I know that many will appreciate this kind gesture.

Regards, Colleen

Sandra Wilson

From: Lynnette Haas [lhaas@hopealaska.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 11:28 AM
To: Sandra Wilson
Subject: *****SPAM***** Certificate of Birth

Hi Sandra

I am writing in support of your proposed bill making it possible for families that have had the traumatic issue of losing a new born child. I have never lost a child, but have had friends that have and the devastation in those families lives is very sad. Families that experience this loss should not have more sadness with a piece of paper that reads DEATH certificate. The feelings of guilt and sadness are feelings that I have never experienced and if a simple piece of paper that shows a birth certificate may soften the blow when a beautiful baby is taken back to heaven. Please know that I am in full support of this bill. My phone number is 907-262-7577 and my address is PO Box 2434 Soldotna Alaska 99669. Thanks for your time. Lynnette Haas

2/28/2007



Sudden Antenatal Death Syndrome

The National Stillbirth Society Inc.
"Because all our Children Matter"

TO: An Open Letter to Members of the Alaska Legislature

Please enact HB 159 to create Certificates of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth

The written record of life usually begins with a Certificate of Birth and ends with a Certificate of Death, but not for all babies. Last year 30,000 babies were "stillborn", victims of Sudden Antenatal Death Syndrome. These babies, past 20 weeks and for the most part viable, often died mysteriously in their mothers' wombs for no discernable reason. For them there is no Certificate of Birth. They are issued Certificates of Fetal Death that record their passing, but not Certificates of Birth that acknowledge their delivery. Why Not? Should not two certificates be issued, one to mark their death, the other to record their birth?

Birth is a process all mothers go through, regardless of the outcome. Mother's of stillborn babies "give birth", they just don't give life. The piece of paper we routinely refer to as a Certificate of Birth is actually titled, "Certificate of Live Birth". Doesn't this wording suggest there is another kind of birth? The answer is an obvious "Yes". There's "live birth" and then there's "stillbirth". Both qualify as "births".

Stillbirth mothers deserve to have their motherhood recognized and validated by the issuance of a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth, just as live birth mothers have their birth event recognized. They are mothers; that their baby died before its birth does not take that reality away from them. And stillbirth fathers are no less fathers because of their loss.

I am a father. My daughter Camille died in utero on the eve of her delivery at 41 weeks!

Arizona recognized the inequality of how stillbirths were being treated and in 2001 passed HB2416, mandating that the Bureau of Vital Statistics offer parents of all stillborn babies a "Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth". This certificate is in addition to - and separate from - the Certificate of Fetal Death which is not affected in any way by the legislation. One document recognizes the brave act of the mother who bore a "still" baby, while the other recognizes the death of that child prior to birth. (For a recap of current legislative activity in all states and specimen bills see <http://www.missingangelsbill.org>.)

Both past and current stillbirths in Arizona are eligible to be issued such a Certificate.

The issuance of a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth does not impact in any way a woman's right to choose to terminate her pregnancy. Such certificates are issued only for deliveries following naturally occurring fetal deaths. Women who choose an elective termination of their pregnancy would neither be required to obtain a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth, nor would they even be eligible for the reason elective terminations don't fall within the definition of a "stillbirth".

Also important to note is that this measure is not about taxes or financial relief or gain of any type. Stillbirth parents are not seeking a dependent deduction, though one must ask whether it would not be appropriate to offer stillbirth parents the same tax benefit as live birth parents, since they bear the added cost of burial. But for the present, we want to focus solely on the societal issue of equal treatment for all birth mothers.

At present the mothers and fathers of stillborn babies suffer not only the loss of their baby but also the loss of societal acknowledgement that they are parents. Our country has historically been silent about stillbirth, preferring not to discuss this uncomfortable topic. Because of that silence there has been little done in the way of research or prevention. Stillbirth is a phenomenon that cuts across every strata of society; no one is immune. It strikes women as randomly as lightening bolts come to ground in a thunderstorm, making it all the more terrifying.

One in every 116 births is a stillbirth! Eighty eventy babies a day are born still every day in America; over five hundred every week.

The National Stillbirth Society, founded in 2001 by this stillbirth father, is sponsoring a nationwide drive to draw attention to the devastation caused to families worldwide by stillbirth. We will achieve this goal in part by getting state legislatures to enact legislation to acknowledge that mothers of stillborn babies are entitled to receive recognition for the child that they conceived and nurtured, but lost at birth..

When she signed the enabling legislation, Arizona's Governor Jane Dee Hull commented, "This is a step long overdue". She must have been right because legislators in every state where it has been enacted into law have done so on unanimous votes! That's because dead babies and bereaved parents are deemed to deserve more respect than they have been given up to now it passed in Massachusetts – a liberal state – as easily as it did in Utah. This is truly a non-partisan issue, non-controversial issue. Thank you.



Richard K. Olsen, Founder & Executive Director

What is a stillbirth?

Stillbirth is the death of a baby after the 20th week of pregnancy, but before delivery. The baby might have died in the uterus weeks or hours before labor, or rarely, during labor.

How common are stillbirths?

Stillbirth occurs in about 1 percent of all births.

What causes stillbirths?

The three major causes of stillbirths are:

- **Problems with the placenta and/or umbilical cord** — Because the fetus gets its blood, oxygen, and nutrients through the placenta and umbilical cord, problems in either will interfere with fetal development.
- **Maternal medical conditions and lifestyle choices** — Certain illnesses in the mother, or their treatments, sometimes cause stillbirths. Some of these conditions include high blood pressure, pre-eclampsia (high blood pressure and swelling, often late in the pregnancy) diabetes, lupus, heart or thyroid disease, and certain viral or bacterial infections. Older mothers are usually at increased risk for these conditions, as well as for stillbirths. Smoking, drinking alcohol, and using certain recreational drugs during pregnancy are also associated with higher rates of stillbirth.
- **Birth defects** — In about one-fourth of stillborn babies, one or more birth defects are responsible for the death. Many are found only after a thorough examination of the baby and an autopsy.

Unfortunately, many stillbirths are unexplained, which only adds to parents' grief.

What happens after a stillborn baby is delivered?

You will be able to hold your baby, and your health care providers will allow you as much time as you need to spend with your child. You might feel uncomfortable with this idea at first.

Ask for and keep any mementos and keepsakes of your child, such as the I.D. bracelet, blanket, or a lock of your child's hair, and take as many pictures as possible. As with holding your baby, this might also be uncomfortable but it might be a cherished possession at a later time and might help you during your grieving process. Most hospitals will issue the family a birth certificate, but make sure you ask, and request that it include the baby's hand and footprints.

Can a stillbirth be prevented?

Usually a stillbirth cannot be prevented, and often occurs because the baby's development was not normal.

Sometimes, treatment of a mother's illness can improve the chances for a successful pregnancy.

Is a funeral necessary?

After the death of your baby, one of the first decisions you will be faced with is whether or not you need to arrange a funeral.

The type of arrangements you make might play an important role in the grieving process. It is a decision that only you and your partner can reach together. You might find that you need time to make your decisions and arrangements. It is quite common for families to take up to a week (and sometimes longer) to make arrangements. This is okay.

No matter what your choice is, you have the right to change your mind. Be sure you ask whomever is carrying out your arrangements just how long you have to make any changes.

"MISSing Angels Legislation - A State Chart"

Last Updated on **25 April 2007**.

Those states offering an official, legal document that includes the words Certificate of Birth in the title to the parents of stillborn children are considered 'MISSing Angels States'.

The chart below provides:

1. A direct link to each state's legislative website (click on the state's name).
2. A 'five-star' status of the progress being made in each state.

★ - We have been contacted - someone in the state wants the legislation.

★★ - A state legislator has become involved.

★★★ - Legislation was filed at some point - but it failed to pass. We need your help!

★★★★ - Legislation is pending in the state's current legislative session.

★★★★★ (CoS) - This state offers a "Certificate of Stillbirth".

★★★★★ - The state offers a document, by legislation, that includes the words 'Certificate of Birth' in the title to the parents of stillborn children. MISSing Angels states will also have a shaded background.

3. A link to the pending (or) existing legislation, or, the actual statute or law for a particular state.
4. Does the pending (or) existing legislation (or) statute provide for the issuance of a document that includes the words 'Certificate of Birth' in the title to the parents of stillborn children? (Yes or No).
5. If an **Email Action List** has been created for your state - you can sign up to be notified with timely news regarding your state's Missing Angels Bill activity. Your email address will remain safe and secure - and you can help make this important change in your state by clicking on the "Sign Me Up!" link.
6. Email links to members and/or associates of The M.I.S.S. Foundation.

PLEASE READ - VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:

Although they are both worded very similarly, a "Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth" and a "Certificate of Stillbirth" are not the same thing.

Legislators, Policy Analysts, and State Health Departments agree, there is a subtle, yet immense difference in the two.

The M.I.S.S. Foundation believes that all states should record births as births... whether live or still.

Thus, our goal, for those states that offer a "Certificate of Stillbirth", is to legislatively *change* the certificate to a "Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth" - which we view as a "BIRTH" certificate.

If there are no members listed for your state, and you'd like to champion for it, please email [Joanne Cacciatore](#) or [Daryl Logullo](#).

Please report any 'broken' or incorrect links that you may find on this chart to: [John Nevels](#).

State:	Five-Star Status:	Link to Bill and/or Statute:	Yes or No:	Email Action List:	MISS Foundation Contact(s):
<p>The 18 states listed in the section below are MISSing Angels Bill States. They are listed in "Law Effective Date" order. Let's keep this section growing!!</p>					
Arizona #1	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<p>HB 2416 - signed by Gov. on April 4, 2001. (Effective date: August 9, 2001)</p> <hr/> <p>Arizona Revised Statutes 36.330</p>	Yes		Joanne Cacciatore
Arizona - State Tax Exemption for Stillborn Children		Arizona Revised Statutes 43.1023 (LAW enacted May 10, 2004)			Joanne Cacciatore
Utah #2	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<p>SB 45 - signed by Gov. on March 15, 2002 (Effective date: March 15, 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>Utah Code 26-2-14.1</p>	Yes		Ginny Shutt
Indiana #3	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<p>SB0149 - signed by Gov. on March 14, 2002 (Effective date: July 1, 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>Indiana Code 16-37-1-8.5</p>	Yes		Lorri Dunwoody
Indiana - State Tax Exemption for Stillborn Children		House Bill 1020 Ref to H. comm. on W.&M. as of January 8, 2007			
Massachusetts #4	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<p>Senate No. 2160 - signed by Gov. on August 10, 2002</p> <hr/> <p>Chapter 250 of the Acts of 2002</p>	Yes		Lynne Barberian
Maryland #5	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<p>HB272 - signed by Gov. on April 22, 2003 (Effective date: June 1, 2003)</p> <hr/> <p>Maryland Code § 4-213.1</p>	Yes		
Virginia		<p>HB 1450 - signed by Gov. on March 18, 2003 (Effective date: July 1, 2003)</p>			

#6	★★★★★	<u>Title 32.1: Chapter 7: Section 258.1</u>	Yes		
<u>Louisiana</u> #7	★★★★★	HB 918 - signed by Gov. on June 27, 2003 (Effective date: August 15, 2003) <u>Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:92</u>	Yes		<u>Michele Detillier</u>
<u>New Jersey</u> #8	★★★★★	S1771 - 'approved' January 20, 2004 (Effective date: March 20, 2004) <u>New Jersey Statute Title 26:8-37</u>	Yes		<u>Kathy Evans,</u> <u>Jennie Faith</u>
<u>South Carolina</u> #9	★★★★★	HB 3528 - signed by Gov. on April 26, 2004 (Effective date: April 26, 2004) <u>Code of Laws of S.C. Title 44 - Chapter 63</u>	Yes		<u>Anna Laye</u>
<u>Wisconsin</u> #10	★★★★★	SB 399 - signed by Gov. on April 20, 2004 (Effective date: May 5, 2004) <u>2003 Wisconsin Act 300</u>	Yes		<u>Rebecca Lomis-Stephan</u>
<u>Missouri</u> #11	★★★★★	HB 1136 - signed by Gov. on July 2, 2004 (Effective date: August 28, 2004) <u>Missouri Revised Statutes Sec. 193.255</u>	Yes		<u>Gregg Carder</u>
<u>Missouri - State Tax Exemption for Stillborn Children</u>		<u>House Bill 816</u> Introduced and read first time on February 8, 2007			<u>Patrick Barclay</u>
<u>Minnesota</u> #12	★★★★★	H.F. No. 947 - signed by Gov. on May 19, 2005 (Effective date: August 1, 2005) <u>Minnesota Statutes 2005. 144.2151</u>	Yes		<u>Heidi Ciepielinski,</u> <u>Candy McVicar,</u> <u>Susan Lacek,</u> <u>Sherokee Ilse</u>
		<u>SB 271 - signed by Gov. on June 9, 2005.</u>			

<u>Texas</u> #13	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	(Effective date: September 1, 2005) <hr/> Texas Statutes 192.0022	Yes	<u>John & Carolyn Nevels</u>
<u>Florida</u> #14	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<u>SB746</u> - signed by Gov. on June 9, 2006. (Effective date: July 1, 2006) <hr/> Florida Statutes 382.002	Yes	<u>Daryl Logullo (e-mail) and (website), Gary Vogel</u>
<u>Mississippi</u> #15	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<u>Senate Bill 2764</u> - approved by Gov. on March 30, 2007 (Effective date: June 30, 2007) <hr/> Mississippi Code of 1972: Section 41-57-31	Yes	<u>Stacy Credille</u>
<u>South Dakota</u> #16	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<u>Senate Bill 206</u> - signed by Gov. on March 5, 2007 (Effective date: July 1, 2007) <hr/> South Dakota Codified Laws, Chapter 34-25	Yes	<u>Sharon Apa</u>
<u>Arkansas</u> #17	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<u>Senate Bill 398</u> - signed by Gov. on March 27, 2007 (Effective date should be July 2, 2007) Legislation takes effect 90 days after adjournment. The 86th General Assembly of Arkansas adjourned on April 3, 2007. <hr/> Arkansas Code 20-18-410	Yes	<u>Lynette Spruiell</u>
<u>North Dakota</u> #18	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<u>House Bill 1129</u> - signed by the Gov. on April 10, 2007. (Effective date: January 1, 2008) <hr/> North Dakota Century Code - Section 23-02. 1-27	Yes	<u>Melissa Stuart</u>
<p>The 8 states listed in the section below (listed alphabetically) have bills pending RIGHT NOW! If you live in one of these states - and want the CBRS - please get involved now!</p>				
		<u>HB 159</u> Bill is being held for further consideration		

<p>Alaska</p>	<p>★ ★ ★</p>	<p>in the House Finance Comm. as of April 17, 2007.</p> <hr/> <p>Please send your letter of support to: sandra_wilson@legis.state.ak.us</p> <hr/> <p>Session Ends: May 16, 2007</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Sign Me Up!</p>	<p>Michelle Hoyt, Rhonda Crawford</p>
<p>Alaska - State Tax Exemption for Stillborn Children</p>		<p>The City Council of Wasilla, Alaska recently passed a resolution that supports the allowance of a one-time federal tax deduction for any child who is stillborn in the State of Alaska. (more)</p>			
<p>California</p>	<p>★ ★ ★</p>	<p><u>Senate Bill 850</u> Passed Senate Health Comm. on April 18, 2007. Next stop: Senate Judiciary Comm. on April 24, 2007.</p> <hr/> <p>Session Ends: December 31, 2008</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Sign Me Up!</p>	<p>Kirsten Pert (lead contact), Katie Hodge, Kim Lotz, Sari Edber, Sunita Param</p>
<p>Montana</p>	<p>★ ★ ★</p>	<p><u>Senate Bill 518</u> Passed Senate, Passed House (amended). Due for 3rd reading in Senate on April 23rd. (When passed, Effective date will be January 1, 2008)</p> <hr/> <p>Session Ends: April 30, 2007</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>Senator Gary L. Perry</p>
<p>New Hampshire</p>	<p>★ ★ ★</p>	<p><u>House Bill 563</u> Stalled in House HHS & EA Committee as of April 5, 2007.</p> <hr/> <p>Session Ends: June 30, 2007</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Sign Me Up!</p>	<p>Stacey Burnell</p>
<p>New York</p>	<p>★ ★ ★</p>	<p><u>A02264</u> (sent to Health as of January 16, 2007) ~ and ~ <u>S00186</u> (good progress is being</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Sign Me Up!</p>	<p>Paige Ricci (lead contact),</p>

		made as of April 18, 2007) Session Ends: December 31, 2008			Janet Press
<u>North Carolina</u>	★ ★ ★	<u>Senate Bill 46</u> Stalled in Senate Com. on Health Care as of February 12, 2007 Session Ends: July 31, 2007	Yes	Sign Me Up! 1-Click Email	<u>Kelly Hogan</u> (lead contact), <u>Natalie Conner</u>
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	★ ★ ★	<u>Senate Bill 387</u> Referred to Senate PH&W comm. as of March 13, 2007 As worded currently, this bill will only provide a Certificate of Stillbirth - please get involved NOW. Session Ends: December 31, 2008	No	Sign Me Up!	<u>Dorothy Knappenberger</u> (email) and (website)
<u>Rhode Island</u>	★ ★ ★	<u>House Bill 5086</u> Placed on House Calendar (for eventual House passage?) on April 12, 2007 Session Ends: June 30, 2007	Yes		<u>Richard & Nancy Silva</u>
<p>The remaining states (and territories) in the section below (listed alphabetically) do not have current bills pending. If you live in one of these states - and want the CBRS -please get involved!</p>					
<u>Alabama</u>	★ ★ ★	<u>HB208 (2004 Regular Session)</u> 'Indefinitely postponed' as of May 5, 2004)	Yes		<u>Alyson Martin</u> , <u>Stormy Entrekin</u>
<u>Colorado</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Colorado Revised Statutes 25-2-112.3</u> (Law enacted July 1, 2004)	No		<u>Caprice Bass</u> , <u>Leslie Clemenson</u>
<u>Connecticut</u>	★				<u>Kelly Weber</u> , <u>Kandy Reilly</u>
<u>Delaware</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Delaware Code Title 16, Subchapter 1, Paragraph 3110(h)</u> (Law enacted July 22, 2004)	No		
<u>District of Columbia</u>					

<u>Georgia</u>		<p><u>Unverified</u> - but we're being told (as of April 14, 2007) that Georgia's Health Department <u>will</u> issue a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth to the parent of a stillborn child - upon request of the parent. This is done by internal policy - and there are no laws or statutes that mention this practice. We need to verify this. Could someone please send us a copy of a CBRS that they received in Georgia? Thank You.</p>	Yes?	
<u>Hawaii</u>	★			<u>Angela Bilan</u>
<u>Idaho</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Idaho Statute 39-260</u>	No	<u>Nancy Grayson</u>
<u>Illinois</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Public Act 93-0578</u>	No	<u>Mary Geitz (e-mail) and (website)</u>
<u>Iowa</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Iowa Code Chapter 144</u> (No direct mention of CoS in code. Done by policy - not by law)	No	<u>Jaye Zessar</u>
<u>Kansas</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>K.S.A. 65-2412</u>	No	<u>Karen and Alan Wondra, Pat Flynn</u>
<u>Kentucky</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Kentucky Revised Statutes 213.096</u> (By policy - not by law)	No	<u>Julie Almon</u>
<u>Maine</u>	★			<u>Heather Sanfacon</u>
<u>Michigan</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Michigan Compiled Law Act 368 of 1978</u> <u>Section 333.2834</u> (Effective October 1, 2002)	No	<u>Michelle Baird</u>
<u>Nebraska</u>	★			<u>Brandy Richardson</u>
<u>Nevada</u>	★			<u>Jacque Fougner</u>
		<u>Senate Bill 17 - the final, amended language of which</u>		<u>(website), Carin Dhaouadi,</u>

<u>New Mexico</u>	★ ★ ★	can be read in its mirror, <u>House Bill 1227 Committee Substitute</u> - was 'vetoed' by Gov. Bill Richardson on April 6, 2007.	Yes	<u>Chuck Baca, Renee Padilla, Christy Rutherford</u>
<u>Ohio</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Ohio Revised Code §3705.23(B) (3)</u>	No	<u>Kym Smith</u>
<u>Oklahoma</u>	★ ★ ★	<u>SB889 (2005 Regular Session)</u> (Voted down as of March 5, 2004)	Yes	<u>Pat Flynn</u>
<u>Oregon</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 432 - Vital Statistics Section 432.266</u> Effective on January 1, 2006	No	<u>Nita Lundberg</u>
<u>Tennessee</u>	★ ★ ★	<u>SB2003</u> (Bill died in committee on May 4, 2005)	No	<u>Elisha Conway</u>
<u>Vermont</u>				
<u>Washington</u>	★ ★			<u>Liz Allen , Kara L.C. Jones</u>
<u>West Virginia</u>	★ ★ ★	<u>House Bill 3156</u> Introduced and sent to House H & HR Comm. as of February 21, 2007 - then died in comm. <hr/> Session Ended: March 10, 2007	Yes	
<u>Wyoming</u>	★ ★ ★ ★ (CoS)	<u>Wyoming Statutes Title 35-1-419</u>		

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FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: CSHB 159(HES)
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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
 RDU Public Health
 Component Bureau of Vital Statistics

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):
 Title STILLBIRTH CERTIFICATE

Sponsor GATTO
 Requester HOUSE (HES)

Component No. 961

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other - Receipt Supported Services						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: _____
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB159 would require the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) to issue, upon the request of a parent, a "certificate of birth resulting in a stillbirth" for an intrauterine fetal death occurring after 20 complete gestational weeks. Approximately 50 stillbirths are recorded in Alaska annually. Based on response in other states passing similar legislation, it is expected most families would request such a certificate. These certificates would cost \$20.00 each. The division has adequate budget authorization to receive these additional receipts resulting in a zero fiscal note, even though there will be a cost to the requestor similar to other certificates.

Minimal programming and administrative time will be necessary to issue such certificates - amounting to an estimated \$1,000 annually. Assuming 50 certificates are issued each year at \$20 each, costs will be covered by the fee. The BVS budget is funded primarily by receipt supported services; all certificates issued - birth, death, fetal death - require a \$20 fee.

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