



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Renames a "certificate recognizing the delivery of a stillborn infant" as a "certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth."
- Requires the Director of Health or the State Registrar, on receipt of a written request signed by a parent who was previously issued a certificate recognizing the delivery of a stillborn infant, to reissue the certificate as a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.
- Requires that, when a burial permit is issued for a product of human conception of at least 20 weeks of gestation that suffers a fetal death, the local registrar must inform the parent or parents of the option to apply for a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth and the application process.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Certificates of birth resulting in stillbirth

The bill renames a "certificate recognizing the delivery of a stillborn infant" as a "certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth."<sup>1</sup> Under current law not changed by the bill, this certificate must be issued at no cost by the Director of Health or the State Registrar on receiving an application signed by either parent. The certificate is not proof of a live birth for purposes of federal, state, and local taxes.

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3705.23(B)(3)(a).

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## Reissuance of certificates previously issued

The bill requires the Director or the State Registrar, on receipt of a written request signed by a parent who was previously issued a certificate recognizing the delivery of a stillborn infant, to reissue the certificate as a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.<sup>2</sup>

## Notification of option to apply for a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth

The bill requires that, when a burial permit is issued for a product of human conception of at least 20 weeks of gestation that suffers a fetal death, the local registrar must inform the parent or parents listed on the fetal death certificate or provisional death certificate of the option to apply for a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth. The local registrar also must inform the parent or parents of the process for filing the application for the certificate.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

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Introduced	12-13-11

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3705.23(B)(3)(b).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3705.20(D).

