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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 387**      Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, O'PAKE, GORDNER,  
BROWNE, TOMLINSON, REGOLA, ORIE, COSTA AND BRUBAKER,  
MARCH 13, 2007

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 13, 2007

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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," providing for certificate of stillbirth.

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

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

19 Section 207. Department: Certificate of Stillbirth.--Upon  
20 request from the mother or father, a certificate of stillbirth  
21 shall be issued by the department for any fetal death previously  
22 filed with the department. The fee for issuance shall be the  
23 same as the fee for a death certificate. The certificate of

1 stillbirth shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

2 (1) Name of the stillborn child.

3 (2) Date of delivery.

4 (3) County of delivery.

5 (4) Mother's name and birthplace.

6 (5) Father's name and birthplace.

7 Such certificate shall not affect the registration, filing or  
8 record requirements of this act, nor shall the issuance of such  
9 certificate impose upon a coroner or medical examiner any  
10 additional duties to conduct an investigation.

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