

SENATE BILL NO. 296—SENATORS HAMMOND, HARRIS, GANSERT;  
CANNIZZARO, GUSTAVSON, KIECKHEFER, RATTI,  
ROBERSON, SETTELMAYER AND WOODHOUSE

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN TITUS,  
PAUL ANDERSON; AND TOLLES

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Provides for the issuance of a certificate of birth  
resulting in stillbirth. (BDR 40-73)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to vital statistics; providing for the issuance of a  
certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth; authorizing the  
State Board of Health to adopt regulations concerning a  
certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth; imposing certain  
fees for a blank certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth;  
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires a certificate of stillbirth to be filed with the local health officer with respect to a birth which occurs after at least 20 weeks of gestation and where the child shows no evidence of life after complete birth. (NRS 440.070, 440.340) **Section 1** of this bill requires: (1) the State Board of Health to prepare a blank certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth; and (2) the certificate to be filed with the local health officer, in addition to the certificate of stillbirth required by existing law. **Section 1** also authorizes the Board to adopt regulations necessary to carry out these provisions.

Existing law requires the Board to prepare, print and supply to all local health officers certain blanks and forms used for vital statistics and requires the State Registrar to charge a fee for each blank certificate of birth, death or stillbirth. (NRS 440.130) **Section 3** of this bill requires the State Registrar to charge a fee for each blank certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 440 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. In addition to the requirements of NRS 440.340, the Board shall prepare, print and supply to all local health officers a blank certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth for any stillbirth occurring in this State.*

*2. The certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth must:*

*(a) Be made available to the parent or parents of a stillborn child.*

*(b) Meet the requirements for form and content as described in NRS 440.290.*

*(c) Not contain any reference to the name of a stillborn child if the parent or parents of the stillborn child do not wish to provide a name.*

*3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2, the certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth must be filed with the local health officer within 10 days following the birth and before the cremation or removal of the fetus from the registration district.*

*4. The Board may adopt such regulations as it determines necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*

**Sec. 2.** NRS 440.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

440.090 All certificates, either of birth, *birth resulting in stillbirth*, death or stillbirth, shall be written legibly, in unfading black ink, or typewritten, and no certificate shall be held to be complete and correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for, or satisfactorily account for their omission.

**Sec. 3.** NRS 440.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

440.130 1. The Board shall prepare, print and supply to all local health officers all blanks and forms used in registering, recording and preserving the returns, or in otherwise carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

2. The State Registrar shall charge for each blank certificate of birth, *birth resulting in stillbirth*, death or stillbirth a fee of \$1.

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

