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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 193, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 193, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 193.171 and 193.172, to read as follows:

193.171. 1. For purposes of this section, "stillbirth" and "stillborn child" shall be defined as a dead fetus that was the product of human conception of twenty weeks gestation or more, calculated from the date the last normal menstrual period began to the date of delivery, and that was not born alive.

2. (1) The state registrar shall establish a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth on a form approved by the state registrar pursuant to sections 193.005 to 193.325 for each stillbirth occurring in this state.

(2) This certificate shall be offered to the parent or parents of a stillborn child.

3. The certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall meet all of the format and filing requirements of section 193.085 relating to a live birth.

4. The person who prepares a certificate pursuant to this section shall leave blank any references to the stillborn child's name if the stillborn child's parent or parents do not wish to provide a name for the stillborn child.

5. The certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall be filed with the designated local registrar within seven days following the delivery and prior to cremation or removal of the fetus from the registration district.

193.172. When a birth resulting in stillbirth occurring in this state has not been

registered within one year after the date of delivery, a certificate marked "delayed" may be filed and registered in accordance with regulations of the director of the department of health and senior services relating to evidentiary and other requirements sufficient to substantiate the alleged facts of birth resulting in stillbirth.

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