

By: Representative Simpson

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A "CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH RESULTING IN  
2 CHILDBIRTH" FOR EACH FETAL DEATH OCCURRING AFTER A GESTATIONAL  
3 PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWENTY WEEKS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CERTIFICATE  
4 WILL BE OFFERED TO THE PARENT OR PARENTS OF A STILLBORN CHILD OR A  
5 CHILD WHO DIES DURING LABOR; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PERSON WHO  
6 PREPARES THE CERTIFICATE WILL LEAVE BLANK ANY REFERENCES TO THE  
7 STILLBORN CHILD'S NAME IF THE PARENTS DO NOT WISH TO PROVIDE A  
8 NAME FOR THE CHILD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Registrar of Vital Records shall  
11 establish a "certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth" for  
12 each fetal death occurring in the state after a gestational period  
13 of at least twenty (20) completed weeks. This certificate shall  
14 be offered to the parent or parents of a stillborn child or a  
15 child who dies during labor.

16 (2) The certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall  
17 meet all of the format and filing requirements for a certificate  
18 of live birth as provided in this chapter and in rules and  
19 regulations of the State Board of Health. However, the person who  
20 prepares the certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall  
21 leave blank any references to the stillborn child's name if the  
22 parent or parents of the child do not wish to provide a name for  
23 the child.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after July 1, 2002.

