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SENATE BILL NO. 1267

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-258.1, relating to Certificate of Birth resulting in Stillbirth.

Patrons—Newman and Howell; Delegate: Byron

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-258.1 as follows:

§ 32.1-258.1. Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth; requirements.

Upon the request of either individual listed as the mother or father on a report of fetal death in the Commonwealth as defined in § 32.1-264, the State Registrar shall issue a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth for unintended, intrauterine fetal deaths occurring after a gestational period of 20 weeks or more. The requesting mother or father may, but shall not be required to, provide a name for the Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth. The Board shall prescribe a reasonable fee to cover the administrative cost and preparation of such certificate. The Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth shall be filed by the appropriate institution or individual within 10 days after delivery. This subsection shall apply retroactively to any circumstances that would have resulted in the issuance of a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth on or after January 1, 2000.

On or after July 1, 2003, when a birth resulting in stillbirth occurring in the Commonwealth has not been registered within 1 year after the date of delivery, a certificate marked "delayed" may be filed and registered in accordance with the regulations of the Board relating to evidentiary and other requirements sufficient to substantiate the alleged facts of birth resulting in stillbirth.

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