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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2416

certificates of stillbirth

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HB 2416 establishes a certificate for births resulting in stillbirth.

History

In 1999, there were 600 fetal deaths with a gestation period of 20 completed weeks or more in Arizona. Current law requires a fetal death certificate for each fetal death meeting the 20-week requirement to be filed with the designated registrar. HB 2416 would require DHS to also establish a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth for each fetal death meeting the same time frame.

Provisions

- Requires the State Registrar of Vital Statistics (DHS) to establish a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth for each fetal death occurring after 20 completed weeks of gestation. Requires the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to provide a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth upon request of the parent or parents
- Provides for the person preparing the certificate to leave blank any references to the stillborn child's name if the parents choose. Permits the parent or parents to provide a name for the stillborn child.
- Allows for this section to be cited as the *Missing Angels Act*.