Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S2/27/07 S3/8/07		
2	86th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2007		SENATE BILL	398
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5	By: Senators Salmon, Trusty			
6	By: Representatives D. Creekmore, Adcock, Walters, Schulte, Cash, Wagner, Harrelson			
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled			
10	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS			
11	OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF			
12	HEALTH A	AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ISSUE CERTIFICAT	ES	
13	OF BIRT	H RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH; AND FOR OTH	ER	
14	PURPOSES	S.		
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16		Subtitle		
17	AN AG	CT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF		
18	VITA	L RECORDS OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH		
19	OF TI	HE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN		
20	SERV	ICES TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH		
21	RESU	LTING IN STILLBIRTH.		
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	BAS:	
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26	SECTION 1. Arka	ansas Code Title 20, Chapter 18, Subcha	apter 4 is amen	ded
27	to add an additional s	section to read as follows:		
28	<u>20-18-410.</u> Cert	tificate of birth resulting in stillbir	<u>th.</u>	
29	(a) As used in	this section:		
30	<u>(1) "Cert</u>	tificate of birth resulting in stillbir	th" means a bi	<u>rth</u>
31	certificate issued to record the birth of a stillborn child; and			
32	(1) "Stillbirth" means an unintended, intrauterine fetal death			
33	occurring in this state after a gestational age of not less than twenty (20)			
34	completed weeks.			
35	(b) A person who is required to file a fetal death certificate under §			
36	20-18-603 shall advise	e the parent or parents of a stillborn	child:	

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1	(1) That a parent may but is not required to request the		
2	preparation of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth;		
3	(2) That a parent may obtain a certificate of birth resulting in		
4	stillbirth by contacting the Division of Vital Records of the Division of		
5	Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to request the		
6	certificate and paying the required fee; and		
7	(3) Regarding the way in which a parent may contact the division		
8	to request the certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.		
9	(c)(l) If a parent requests that a certificate of birth resulting in		
10	stillbirth be prepared, the parent may provide a name for a stillborn child		
11	to be included on the certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.		
12	(2) If the requesting parent does not wish to provide a name,		
13	the Division of Vital Records shall fill in the certificate with the name		
14	"baby boy" or "baby girl" and the last name of the requesting parent.		
15	(3) The name of the stillborn child provided on or later added		
16	by amendment to the certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall be the		
17	same name as appears on the original or amended fetal death certificate.		
18	(d) A certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall include the		
19	state file number of the corresponding fetal death certificate.		
20	(e) The Division of Vital Records shall prescribe the form and content		
21	of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth and shall specify the		
22	information necessary to prepare the certificate.		
23	(f) The Division of Vital Records shall not use a certificate of birth		
24	resulting in stillbirth to calculate live birth statistics.		
25	(g) If a fetal death certificate was issued for a stillbirth, a parent		
26	may request that the Division of Vital Records issue a certificate of birth		
27	resulting in stillbirth without regard to the date on which the fetal death		
28	certificate was issued.		
29	(h) The Division of Vital Records shall prescribe the form and content		
30	of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.		
31	(i) A parent may request the Division of Vital Records to prepare and		
32	issue a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth without regard to		
33	whether the fetal death occurred on or before the effective date of this act.		
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35	/s/ Salmon		