

AN ACT relating to early fetal death certificates.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 213 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) As used in this section, "early fetal death" means a spontaneous fetal death prior to twenty (20) weeks of gestation, based on a clinical estimate of gestation.
- (2) In the event of an early fetal death, the mother of a deceased fetus may request an application for a certificate of early fetal death from the cabinet. The application shall be on a form as specified by the cabinet and shall provide for the name of the mother and father of the deceased fetus, the date of the early fetal death, and, if appropriate, the name and title of an attendant present at or immediately after the early fetal death.
- (3) Upon receipt of a completed application and payment of a reasonable fee established by the cabinet by administrative regulation, the cabinet shall issue a certificate of early fetal death on a form specified by the cabinet, reflecting the information provided in the completed application.
- (4) In the performance of its duties under this section, the cabinet shall not be required to investigate any early fetal death and shall not be held responsible for the accuracy of any information contained in an application for the certificate of early fetal death received by the cabinet or a certificate of early fetal death issued by the cabinet.
- (5) Neither the application for certificate of early fetal death received by the cabinet nor the certificate of early fetal death issued by the cabinet shall be a public record.
- (6) An early fetal death shall not be recorded as a fetal death.