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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a nonviable birth that occurs before the twentieth week of gestation is not reported to the Office of Vital Statistics, and a parent of a nonviable birth that occurs before the twentieth week of gestation may not request a certificate of birth.

Also under existing law, a parent of a fetal death occurring after 20 weeks of gestation may request a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth.

This bill would create the Genesis Act to require the Alabama Department of Public Health to adopt rules allowing for the parents of a nonviable birth occurring before the twentieth week of gestation to request a Certificate of Nonviable Birth.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Department of Public Health; to adopt the Genesis Act; to require the Department of Health to establish a Certificate of Nonviable Birth form to issue to parents, upon request, for certain nonviable births.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
31 the Genesis Act.

32 Section 2. The Alabama Department of Public Health
33 shall issue, upon request, a Certificate of Nonviable Birth to
34 a parent or parents of a nonviable birth occurring before 20
35 weeks of gestation. The department, by rule, shall establish a
36 standard form and a process under which a parent may request a
37 certificate. The department may require a health care
38 professional to complete and sign a form verifying the
39 nonviable birth as a prerequisite to issuing a certificate.

40 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first
41 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
42 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.