

1-1 By: King of Zavala (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2940  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2011;  
1-3 May 9, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 18, 2011, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 18, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the form of death certificates and fetal death  
1-9 certificates.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 193.001, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-13 (a-1) In prescribing each form under Subsection (a), the  
1-14 department shall ensure that the form instructs the person required  
1-15 to file the death certificate or fetal death certificate to:

1-16 (1) enter the date in the standard order of "month,  
1-17 day, year"; and

1-18 (2) spell out the name of the month when entering the  
1-19 date.

1-20 SECTION 2. (a) The Department of State Health Services  
1-21 shall revise and make available the forms required by Section  
1-22 193.001, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, not later  
1-23 than January 1, 2012.

1-24 (b) A person required to file a death certificate or a fetal  
1-25 death certificate is not required to use the revised form required  
1-26 by Section 193.001, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act,  
1-27 before February 1, 2012.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

1-33 \* \* \* \* \*