

Amend CSHB 2510 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to Article 5 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the article accordingly:

SECTION 5.____. Sections 192.003(a) and (c), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, midwife, or person acting as a midwife in attendance at a birth shall file the birth certificate with the local registrar of the registration district in which the birth occurs.

(c) If there is no physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, midwife, or person acting as a midwife in attendance at a birth and if the birth does not occur in a hospital or birthing center, the following in the order listed shall report the birth to the local registrar:

(1) the father or mother of the child; or

(2) the owner or householder of the premises where the birth occurs.

SECTION 5.____. Sections 193.005(a), (b), and (c), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person required to file a death certificate or fetal death certificate shall obtain the required medical certification from an attending physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant if the death occurred under medical attendance for the care and treatment of the condition or disease process that contributed to the death.

(b) The attending physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant shall complete the medical certification not later than five days after receiving the death certificate.

(c) An associate physician, the chief medical officer of the institution where the death occurred, or the physician who performed an autopsy on the decedent may complete the medical certification if:

(1) the attending physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant is unavailable;

(2) the attending physician, advanced practice

registered nurse, or physician assistant approves; and

(3) the person completing the medical certification has access to the medical history of the case and the death is due to natural causes.