

AN ACT

relating to the disposition of fetal remains.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.010. DISPOSITION OF FETAL REMAINS. (a) A hospital shall release the remains of an unintended, intrauterine fetal death on the request of a parent of the unborn child, in a manner appropriate under law and the hospital's policy for disposition of a human body.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), if the remains of an unintended, intrauterine fetal death weigh less than 350 grams, a hospital shall release the remains on the request of a parent of the unborn child, in a manner that is appropriate under law and consistent with hospital policy.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 635 was passed by the House on May 8, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 635 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor