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H.B. No. 2349

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filing of a fetal death certificate after an abortion.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 171, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 171.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 171.006. FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED. (a) A physician or physician's agent shall file a fetal death certificate with the local registrar of the appropriate registration district in accordance with Chapter 193 and department rules for each death of an unborn child that occurs as a result of an abortion performed by the physician regardless of the gestational age of the unborn child at the time the abortion is performed.

(b) The physician or physician's agent shall provide a copy of the fetal death certificate to the woman on whom the abortion was performed.

SECTION 2. Section 171.006, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an abortion performed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.