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H.B. No. 2976

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the required filing of a fetal death certificate for an unborn child following an abortion.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 193, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 193.0035 to read as follows:

Sec. 193.0035. FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FOLLOWING ABORTION. A physician who performs or induces an abortion shall file a fetal death certificate for the unborn child, regardless of the gestational age of the unborn child at the time of the abortion.

SECTION 2. Section 674.001(2), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Fetal death certificate" means a death certificate filed for any fetus [~~weighing 350 grams or more or, if the weight is unknown, a fetus age 20 weeks or more as calculated from the start date of the last normal menstrual period to the date of delivery~~].

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an abortion that is performed or induced on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.