By: Paxton S.B. No. 401

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of fetal death certificate.

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

SECTION 1. Section 674.001(2), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Fetal death certificate" means a death certificate filed for:

(A) 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; or

(B) a fetus of any weight or gestational age whose family member requests a death certificate.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2027.