



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHFS 2/16/2004

LRB Number	<b>03-3641/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-798</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b>					
Certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if a pregnancy results in a live birth, a certificate of birth is prepared and filed with the state registrar. A person with a direct interest in a specific birth certificate may obtain a certified copy of the certificate by submitting a written request and paying the appropriate fee. If the pregnancy results in a miscarriage, no certificate is issued but a fetal death report is prepared and submitted to the registrar. The information from these reports may be used in medical research but the reports are destroyed after the fetal death is reported.

This bill creates a new, optional certificate called a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth and requires the Department to prescribe a form for the certificate. Under this bill, the individual responsible for filing the fetal death report is required to inform the parents of a stillbirth of the option to request a state-issued certificate. That individual must, if the parents request a certificate, prepare a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth and file it with the state registrar. The Department is required to issue a certified copy of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth to a parent if a record of birth resulting in stillbirth has been filed and if the parent requests the certified copy in writing. The bill specifies that a fee of \$10 for one certified copy of the certificate and \$3 for each additional certified copy is required. Only a parent of the stillbirth may obtain a certified copy of the certificate.

The bill specifies that the notice requirements apply to stillbirths that occur on or after August 1, 2004. However, the bill provides that parents of a stillbirth occurring before that date, or of a stillbirth occurring after that date who did not request a certificate at the time, may request one later. The bill provides for a special procedure which will allow parents to request a certificate at a later date, provided satisfactory evidence of the stillbirth is presented.

The State Vital Records Office collects and maintains all Wisconsin records of birth, death, marriage, divorce and fetal death reports. To implement the provisions of this bill, the Department would have to modify its existing vital records data collection systems. The Department will be required to develop a new form for hospitals to report fetal deaths and to collect information required by the bill. The Department will also have to create application forms for the bill and to design a unique form for the certificate of stillbirth. (The form must be designed in such a way that it cannot be mistaken for a birth certificate and used for fraudulent purposes.) The Department must also design procedures to be used by hospitals and the state for reporting and issuing a delayed certificate, including determining what kind of evidence will be satisfactory for the issuance of the certificate. The Department will have to design an application form for parents to use to request the certificate. The total one-time cost of these changes to information systems and form design is estimated at \$45,400.

The Department will also have to train hospitals and the public to provide the necessary information for the certificates to be issued, at a one-time cost of \$15,000. Total one-time costs for this bill are estimated at \$60,400. The on-going costs of systems-related activities, including the cost of archiving the new information, is estimated at \$2,400 annually.

In addition to systems change costs, there will be staff costs associated with the new certificates for data entry, record filing, and record issuing. Currently, approximately 400 stillbirths occur annually in Wisconsin. It is assumed that 100 parents, or 25% of the total, will request a certificate of stillbirth from the state. The cost of providing data entry is estimated at \$5/certificate and of issuing a record is \$11/record. The cost of on-going systems work is estimated at \$24/certificate if 100 certificates are issued (\$2,400/100). The total cost of a certificate of stillbirth, if 100 certificates are issued, is estimated at \$40/certificate. The cost of issuing a delayed record, based on current costs of issuing delayed birth certificates, is estimated at \$95/certificate. The total cost of issuing 100 regular certificates annually would be \$4,000. In addition, it is assumed that there will be 20 requests for delayed certificates, at a cost of \$1,900 annually. The total cost of issuing

certificates of stillbirth is estimated at \$5,900 annually.

If 120 certificates were to be sold at \$10 each, as provided in this bill, there would be \$1,200 in revenue for this program. This would result in an estimated shortfall for this provision of \$59,200 in the first year of the program and an estimated annual shortfall of \$4,700.

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
Costs for changes to information systems and form design - \$45,400 Costs for training - \$15,000			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes (FTE Position Changes)	\$		
State Operations - Other Costs	5,900		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$5,900</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS	5,900		
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS	1,200		
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$5,900		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$1,200		\$
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