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CHAPTER 114

An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act

*Assented to November 15th, 1973
Session Prorogued March 5th, 1974*

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. Clause *v* of section 1 of *The Vital Statistics Act*, being chapter 483 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1970, is repealed and the following substituted therefor: s. 1 (v),
re-enacted

(v) "still-birth" means the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception either after the twentieth week of pregnancy or after the product of conception has attained the weight of 500 grams or more, and where after such expulsion or extraction there is no breathing, beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or movement of voluntary muscle.

2. Subsection 3 of section 3 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor: s. 3 (3),
re-enacted

(3) The Registrar General shall cause all deaths registered under this Act to be classified according to the International List of Causes of Death as revised at the last decennial revision thereof by the International Commission assembled for that purpose. Classifi-
cation by
Internat-
ional List of
Causes of
Death

- 3.—(1) Subsection 6 of section 6 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor: s. 6 (6),
re-enacted

(6) If the request referred to in subsection 5 is made after the registration of the birth, the Registrar General shall upon payment of the prescribed fee amend the registration in accordance with the request. Amendment
of registra-
tion

- (2) Subsection 9 of the said section 6 is repealed and the following substituted therefor: s. 6 (9),
re-enacted

Amendment
of registra-
tion

(9) The statutory declaration mentioned in subsection 8 shall be filed by the mother with the division registrar or, if the declaration is made after the registration of the birth, with the Registrar General, and in the latter case the Registrar General shall upon payment of the prescribed fee amend the registration in accordance with such declaration.

s. 15 (2),
re-enacted

4. Subsection 2 of section 15 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Registration
of marriage

(2) If an officer designated under clause *m* of section 54 is satisfied as to the correctness and sufficiency of a statement of marriage forwarded to the Registrar General under subsection 2 of section 29 of *The Marriage Act*, he shall register the marriage and upon the request of the person who solemnized the marriage, he shall mail an acknowledgment of receipt of the statement of marriage to such person.

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c. 261

s. 17 (3, 4),
re-enacted

5. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 17 of the said Act are repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Medical
certificate
of death

(3) Subject to subsection 4, any legally qualified medical practitioner who has been in attendance during the last illness of a deceased person or who has sufficient knowledge of the last illness, shall forthwith after the death complete and sign a medical certificate of death in the prescribed form, stating therein the cause of death according to the International List of Causes of Death as last revised by the International Commission assembled for that purpose, and shall deliver the medical certificate to the funeral director or other person in charge of the body.

Coroner's
case
1972, c. 98

(4) In the case of a death of which the coroner is required to be notified under section 9 of *The Coroners Act, 1972*, the coroner notified shall, as soon as the cause of death is known, complete and sign a medical certificate of death in the prescribed form, stating therein the cause of death according to the International List of Causes of Death as last revised by the International Commission assembled for that purpose, and shall deliver the medical certificate to the funeral director in charge of the body.

Copying of
death
certificate

(5) No person shall make a copy or a duplicate of the medical certificate of death, nor shall any person receive a copy of the certificate, except as authorized by this or any other Act or the regulations made thereunder.

Duties of
funeral
director,
etc.

(6) Upon receipt of the statement containing the personal particulars and the medical certificate of death, the funeral director shall complete the statement containing personal

particulars, setting forth the proposed date and place of burial, cremation or other disposition or the removal of the body, and shall deliver the statement and the medical certificate to the division registrar of the proper registration division.

6. Subsection 2 of section 20 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor: ^{s. 20 (2), re-enacted}

(2) Where a person has died under any of the circumstances mentioned in subsection 1 and it is impracticable for the coroner to complete a medical certificate of the cause of death, he may issue his warrant to bury when he has examined the body as provided in *The Coroners Act, 1972*, ^{Coroner's warrant to bury} and the division registrar shall issue a burial permit on the delivery to him of the warrant to bury and the statement of death and the coroner shall, as soon as the cause of death is known, complete and deliver or mail the medical certificate of death to the Registrar General. ^{1972, c. 98}

- 7.—(1) This Act, except section 3, comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent. ^{Commence-ment}

(2) Section 3 comes into force on a day to be named by the Lieutenant Governor by his proclamation. ^{Idem}

8. This Act may be cited as *The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1973*. ^{Short title}

