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2001 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2327

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2327

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 13, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
No tape			
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Carol Holody, clerk</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing was opened on SB 2327.

SENATOR TOM FISCHER introduced bill. It deals with registration of certificates.

TERRY TRAYNOR, ND Association of Counties, supports bill. (Written testimony) He also provided written testimony from Charlotte Sandvik, Cass County Treasurer, who supports the bill. Death certificates would remain with the county; all other will go directly to the state.

DAVID MAYER, Division of Vital Records, Dept of Health, supports bill. (Written testimony)

The hearing was closed.

The discussion resumed.

SENATOR MATHERN moved the adopt the amendments by Terry Traynor. SENATOR ERBELE seconded the motion. Voice vote carried. SENATOR MATHERN moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. SENATOR POLOVITZ seconded it. Roll call vote carried 6-0. SENATOR POLOVITZ will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

02/15/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: SB 2327

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Revenues						
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Name:	Kathy J. Albin	Agency:	Department of Health
Phone Number:	328-2392	Date Prepared:	02/15/2001

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 14, 2001 11:53 a.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2327: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2327 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 10, overstrike "or fetal death"

Page 1, line 12, overstrike "or fetal death"

Page 1, line 18, overstrike "and fetal death"

Renumber accordingly

2001 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2327

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 7, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 1	X		2740 to 4130

Committee Clerk Signature *Connie Easton*

Minutes:

Chairman Price, Vice Chairman Devlin, Rep. Dosch, Rep. Galvin, Rep. Klein, Rep. Pollert, Rep. Porter, Rep. Tieman, Rep. Weiler, Rep. Weisz, Rep. Cleary, Rep. Metcalf, Rep. Niemeier, Rep. Sandvig

Chairman Price: Open hearing on SB 2327.

Senator Fischer: Presented bill. I am here to introduce and ask your support of SB 2327 which deals with birth death and fetal death certificates and how they are reported to the state. I will defer to Terry Traynor and let him explain the need of the bill.

Terry Traynor: Assistant Director, N. D. Association of Counties. (See written testimony.) The transfer of numerous filing duties among county offices, due to the changes brought about by court unification, has provided excellent timing for improvements to vital records filing. For this reason, our Association requested that this bill be introduced. The Health Department has been a partner in the development of this bill, and they can go into greater detail about how they view

the future of vital records filing. I wish to close by stating, county officials support changes that will streamline, simplify, and improve the process for those required to file these records, but we remain committed to providing the local services that the citizens requesting these records deserve. We believe that this bill will do that.

Chairman Price: The only section you didn't address was section 6.

Terry Traynor: The fetal death is handled the same as the birth and the foundling registrations. As they are filed by the medical facilities there isn't an immediate need for the documents at a local level. It was felt the most expedient way of handling those was to have the medical facilities mail them right into the state.

Senator Porter: Section 1 starting on line 12-14 - With the number of counties having lower numbers of population I would see there would be numerous months where there would be no deaths to be registered by the registrar and if there is no deaths, the way this reads is they have to send a report that says there are no deaths and they get reimbursed 25 cents? How much does it cost the state of North Dakota to write a check for 25 cents?

Terry Traynor: The state doesn't make that payment. It is actually a payment transfer within the county. The county makes the payment to the local registrar. Why this is in statute, I don't know.

Rep. Porter: Is the 25 cents to cover the cost of producing the report or the cost of the postage, or what is the fee used to cover?

Terry Traynor: That has been around for 50 or 60 years - I really don't know what the purpose was.

David Mayer: As Terry has said, that section of the code has been around for years. I think part of the intent was that it was part of the salary of the registrar. What we do is once a year is

supply the county with a count of the number of events which were registered in that county and give to county auditor. The Health Department is no longer a participant in that transfer of fees or anything like that. We're not talking about a great deal of money being transferred within the counties.

Rep. Porter: The 25 cents is county budgeted money within the county - it has nothing to do with the Health Department?

David Mayer: Correct. It goes from the county auditor to the registrar.

David Mayer: Division of Vital Records, N. D. Health Department. (See written testimony.)

On behalf of the Vital Records Office I testify in support of SB 2327's proposed changes to N.D. Century Code. The fiscal note attached to this bill indicates that there would be no fiscal impact on the Department of Health. Under the proposed changes births and fetal deaths would be filed directly with the Vital Records office and death registration would continue to go through the counties. Our office was approached by the Association of Counties on this issue and we worked in cooperation with them on the proposed changes to the text. I feel the proposed changes work for both the counties and for the state office.

Rep. Klein: What happens when the gestation is less than 20 weeks?

David Mayer: Those are not reported to the Health Department. The 20 week gestation is a standard that is used across the United States for reporting fetal deaths.

Rep. Sandvig: On fetal death registration - do you record the number of abortions? Are they recorded as fetal deaths?

David Mayer: No. We actually have an abortion reporting form and it is induced termination of pregnancy, not spontaneous. Those are reported by mainly the clinic in Fargo.

Chairman Price: Close hearing on SB 2327.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2327 A

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 12, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 3	X		3295 to 3620
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Corinne Easton</i>			

Minutes:

COMMITTEE WORK:

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's go to SB 2327. What are your wishes?

REP. METCALF: I will move a Do PASS.

REP. POLLERT: Second.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Discussion? Seeing no hands, the clerk will take the roll on a **DO PASS**.

14 YES 0 NO 0 ABSENT CARRIED BY REP. DOSCH

Date: 3-12-01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Metcalf Seconded By Rep. Pollert

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Clara Sue Price - Chairman	✓		Audrey Cleary	✓	
William Devlin - V. Chairman	✓		Ralph Metcalf	✓	
Mark Dosch	✓		Carol Niemeier	✓	
Pat Galvin	✓		Sally Sandvig	✓	
Frank Klein	✓				
Chet Pollert	✓				
Todd Porter	✓				
Wayne Tieman	✓				
Dave Weiler	✓				
Robin Weisz	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Dosch

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent: