

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 11, 2019

2 **AS AMENDED**

3 SENATE BILL NO. 284

By: Bice

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6 **[childbirth - policy - rights of parents - notice -
7 scope of application - codification - effective date]**
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3129 of Title 63, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. Every hospital licensed in this state and categorized as a
14 birthing center as defined in Section 1-701 of Title 63 of Oklahoma
15 Statutes shall maintain a written policy for the disposition of the
16 remains of a child from a stillbirth or fetal death event, as
17 defined pursuant to Section 1-301 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma
18 Statutes, at such hospital. A parent of the child shall have the
19 right to direct the disposition of the remains, except that
20 disposition may be made by the hospital if no direction is given by
21 a parent within fourteen (14) days following the delivery of the
22 remains. The policy and the disposition shall comply with all
23 applicable provisions of state and federal law. Upon the delivery
24 of a child from a stillbirth or a fetal death event, the hospital

1 shall notify at least one (1) parent of the parents' right to direct
2 the disposition of the remains of the child and shall provide at
3 least (1) one parent with a copy of its policy with respect to
4 disposition.

5 B. Except as otherwise provided by law, nothing in this section
6 shall be interpreted to prohibit any hospital from providing
7 additional notification and assistance to the parent of a child
8 delivered as a stillbirth or a fetal death event at the hospital
9 relating to the disposition of the remains of the child.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
12 February 11, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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