

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 284

By: Bice of the Senate

and

Roberts (Sean) and Grego of
the House

An Act relating to childbirth; requiring certain hospitals to maintain certain policy; declaring certain rights of parents upon certain conditions; providing method of certain notice; clarifying scope of application of the act; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Childbirth

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

A. Every licensed hospital, birthing center or medical facility in this state shall maintain a written policy for the disposition of the remains of a child from a stillbirth or fetal death event, as defined pursuant to Section 1-301 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, at such hospital. A parent of the child shall have the right to direct the disposition of the remains, except that disposition may be made by the hospital if no direction is given by a parent within fourteen (14) days following the delivery of the remains. The policy and the disposition shall comply with all applicable provisions of state and federal law. Upon the delivery of a child from a stillbirth or a fetal death event, the hospital shall notify at least one (1) parent of the parents' right to direct the disposition of the remains of the child and shall provide at

least (1) one parent with a copy of its policy with respect to disposition.

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

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

Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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