

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 284

By: Bice of the Senate

3 and

4 Roberts (Sean) of the House

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

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

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

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

1 of a child from a stillbirth or a fetal death event, the hospital
2 shall notify at least one (1) parent of the parents' right to direct
3 the disposition of the remains of the child and shall provide at
4 least (1) one parent with a copy of its policy with respect to
5 disposition.

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

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

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

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15 Presiding Officer of the Senate

16 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
17 2019.

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