

# HB2856



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/16/2023, by Rep. Dan Swanson

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 535/11

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-11

Amends the Vital Records Act. Requires death certificates to include (1) a "Yes" or "No" designation of whether the deceased was a veteran, (2) if the deceased was a veteran, a "Yes" or "No" designation of whether the deceased was receiving a compensatory pension or benefit at the time of his or her death for an illness or injury that may have contributed to his or her death, and (3) if the deceased is designated as having received a compensatory pension or benefit, a "Yes" or "No" designation of whether the illness or injury was a contributing cause or factor in the deceased's death.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 11 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/11) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-11)

7 Sec. 11. Information required on forms.

8 (a) The form of certificates, reports, and other returns  
9 required by this Act or by regulations adopted under this Act  
10 shall include as a minimum the items recommended by the  
11 federal agency responsible for national vital statistics,  
12 subject to approval of and modification by the Department. All  
13 forms shall be prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar  
14 of Vital Records.

15 (b) On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
16 of 1983, all forms used to collect information under this Act  
17 which request information concerning the race or ethnicity of  
18 an individual by providing spaces for the designation of that  
19 individual as "white" or "black", or the semantic equivalent  
20 thereof, shall provide an additional space for a designation  
21 as "Hispanic".

22 (c) Effective November 1, 1990, the social security  
23 numbers of the mother and father shall be collected at the time

1 of the birth of the child. These numbers shall not be recorded  
2 on the certificate of live birth. The numbers may be used only  
3 for those purposes allowed by Federal law.

4 (d) The social security number of a person who has died  
5 shall be entered on the death certificate; however, failure to  
6 enter the social security number of the person who has died on  
7 the death certificate does not invalidate the death  
8 certificate.

9 (e) If the place of disposition of a dead human body or  
10 cremated remains is in a cemetery, the burial permit shall  
11 include the place of disposition. The place of disposition  
12 shall include the lot, block, section, and plot or niche, and  
13 depth, if applicable, where the dead human body or cremated  
14 remains are located. This subsection does not apply to  
15 cremated remains scattered in a cemetery.

16 (f) The death certificate for an individual with a history  
17 of military service may include or may be amended to include  
18 the ~~deceased individual's veteran status,~~ the branch of the  
19 military that he or she served in, and the period of time that  
20 he or she served in the military.

21 (g) A death certificate shall include the following:

22 (1) A "Yes" or "No" designation of whether the  
23 deceased was a veteran.

24 (2) If the deceased is designated as a veteran under  
25 paragraph (1), a "Yes" or "No" designation of whether the  
26 deceased was receiving a compensatory pension or benefit

1 at the time of his or her death for an illness or injury  
2 that may have contributed to his or her death.

3 (3) If the deceased is designated under paragraph (2)  
4 as having received a compensatory pension or benefit, a  
5 "Yes" or "No" designation of whether the illness or injury  
6 was a contributing cause or factor in the deceased's  
7 death.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-310, eff. 1-1-18.)