

1 AN ACT in relation to public health.

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

4 Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding
5 Section 6.14f as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.14f new)

7 Sec. 6.14f. Reports to the trauma registry; certain
8 accidents involving persons under the age of 18 years. A
9 hospital that treats any person under the age of 18 years for
10 injuries suffered in an accident involving a motor vehicle or
11 the power window of a motor vehicle must report the accident to
12 the trauma registry.

13 Section 10. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing
14 Section 18 as follows:

15 (410 ILCS 535/18) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-18)

16 Sec. 18. (1) Each death which occurs in this State shall be
17 registered by filing a death certificate with the local
18 registrar of the district in which the death occurred or the
19 body was found, within 7 days after such death (within 5 days
20 if the death occurs prior to January 1, 1989) and prior to
21 cremation or removal of the body from the State, except when
22 death is subject to investigation by the coroner or medical
23 examiner.

24 (a) For the purposes of this Section, if the place of
25 death is unknown, a death certificate shall be filed in the
26 registration district in which a dead body is found, which
27 shall be considered the place of death.

28 (b) When a death occurs on a moving conveyance, the
29 place where the body is first removed from the conveyance
30 shall be considered the place of death and a death

1 certificate shall be filed in the registration district in
2 which such place is located.

3 (c) The funeral director who first assumes custody of a
4 dead body shall be responsible for filing a completed death
5 certificate. He shall obtain the personal data from the
6 next of kin or the best qualified person or source
7 available; he shall enter on the certificate the name,
8 relationship, and address of his informant; he shall enter
9 the date, place, and method of final disposition; he shall
10 affix his own signature and enter his address; and shall
11 present the certificate to the person responsible for
12 completing the medical certification of cause of death.

13 (2) The medical certification shall be completed and signed
14 within 48 hours after death by the physician in charge of the
15 patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in
16 death, except when death is subject to the coroner's or medical
17 examiner's investigation. In the absence of the physician or
18 with his approval, the medical certificate may be completed and
19 signed by his associate physician, the chief medical officer of
20 the institution in which death occurred or by the physician who
21 performed an autopsy upon the decedent. If the decedent was
22 under the age of 18 years at the time of his or her death, and
23 the death was due to injuries suffered as a result of a motor
24 vehicle backing over a child, or if the death occurred due to
25 the power window of a motor vehicle, the physician must send a
26 copy of the medical certification, with information
27 documenting that the death was due to a vehicle backing over
28 the child or that the death was caused by a power window of a
29 vehicle, to the Department of Children and Family Services. The
30 Department of Children and Family Services shall (i) collect
31 this information for use by Child Death Review Teams and (ii)
32 compile and maintain this information as part of its Annual
33 Child Death Review Team Report to the General Assembly.

34 (3) When a death occurs without medical attendance, or when
35 it is otherwise subject to the coroner's or medical examiner's
36 investigation, the coroner or medical examiner shall be

1 responsible for the completion of a coroner's or medical
2 examiner's certificate of death and shall sign the medical
3 certification within 48 hours after death, except as provided
4 by regulation in special problem cases. If the decedent was
5 under the age of 18 years at the time of his or her death, and
6 the death was due to injuries suffered as a result of a motor
7 vehicle backing over a child, or if the death occurred due to
8 the power window of a motor vehicle, the coroner or medical
9 examiner must send a copy of the medical certification, with
10 information documenting that the death was due to a vehicle
11 backing over the child or that the death was caused by a power
12 window of a vehicle, to the Department of Children and Family
13 Services. The Department of Children and Family Services shall
14 (i) collect this information for use by Child Death Review
15 Teams and (ii) compile and maintain this information as part of
16 its Annual Child Death Review Team Report to the General
17 Assembly.

18 (3.5) The medical certification of cause of death shall
19 expressly provide an opportunity for the person completing the
20 certification to indicate that the death was caused in whole or
21 in part by a dementia-related disease, Parkinson's Disease, or
22 Parkinson-Dementia Complex.

23 (4) When the deceased was a veteran of any war of the
24 United States, the funeral director shall prepare a
25 "Certificate of Burial of U. S. War Veteran", as prescribed and
26 furnished by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, and
27 submit such certificate to the Illinois Department of Veterans
28 Affairs monthly.

29 (5) When a death is presumed to have occurred in this State
30 but the body cannot be located, a death certificate may be
31 prepared by the State Registrar upon receipt of an order of a
32 court of competent jurisdiction which includes the finding of
33 facts required to complete the death certificate. Such death
34 certificate shall be marked "Presumptive" and shall show on its
35 face the date of the registration and shall identify the court
36 and the date of the judgment.

1 (Source: P.A. 93-454, eff. 8-7-03.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.