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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1658

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1658 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing
5 Section 18 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/18) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-18)

7 Sec. 18. (1) Each death which occurs in this State shall be
8 registered by filing a death certificate with the local
9 registrar of the district in which the death occurred or the
10 body was found, within 7 days after such death (within 5 days
11 if the death occurs prior to January 1, 1989) and prior to
12 cremation or removal of the body from the State, except when
13 death is subject to investigation by the coroner or medical
14 examiner.

15 (a) For the purposes of this Section, if the place of
16 death is unknown, a death certificate shall be filed in the

1 registration district in which a dead body is found, which
2 shall be considered the place of death.

3 (b) When a death occurs on a moving conveyance, the
4 place where the body is first removed from the conveyance
5 shall be considered the place of death and a death
6 certificate shall be filed in the registration district in
7 which such place is located.

8 (c) The funeral director who first assumes custody of a
9 dead body shall be responsible for filing a completed death
10 certificate. He shall obtain the personal data from the
11 next of kin or the best qualified person or source
12 available; he shall enter on the certificate the name,
13 relationship, and address of his informant; he shall enter
14 the date, place, and method of final disposition; he shall
15 affix his own signature and enter his address; and shall
16 present the certificate to the person responsible for
17 completing the medical certification of cause of death. The
18 person responsible for completing the medical
19 certification of cause of death must note the presence of
20 methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, clostridium
21 difficile, or vancomycin-resistant enterococci if it is a
22 contributing factor to or the cause of death. Additional
23 multi-drug resistant organisms (MDROs) may be added to this
24 list by the Department by rule.

25 (2) The medical certification shall be completed and signed
26 within 48 hours after death by the physician in charge of the

1 patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in
2 death, except when death is subject to the coroner's or medical
3 examiner's investigation. In the absence of the physician or
4 with his approval, the medical certificate may be completed and
5 signed by his associate physician, the chief medical officer of
6 the institution in which death occurred or by the physician who
7 performed an autopsy upon the decedent.

8 (3) When a death occurs without medical attendance, or when
9 it is otherwise subject to the coroner's or medical examiner's
10 investigation, the coroner or medical examiner shall be
11 responsible for the completion of a coroner's or medical
12 examiner's certificate of death and shall sign the medical
13 certification within 48 hours after death, except as provided
14 by regulation in special problem cases. If the decedent was
15 under the age of 18 years at the time of his or her death, and
16 the death was due to injuries suffered as a result of a motor
17 vehicle backing over a child, or if the death occurred due to
18 the power window of a motor vehicle, the coroner or medical
19 examiner must send a copy of the medical certification, with
20 information documenting that the death was due to a vehicle
21 backing over the child or that the death was caused by a power
22 window of a vehicle, to the Department of Children and Family
23 Services. The Department of Children and Family Services shall
24 (i) collect this information for use by Child Death Review
25 Teams and (ii) compile and maintain this information as part of
26 its Annual Child Death Review Team Report to the General

1 Assembly.

2 (3.5) The medical certification of cause of death shall
3 expressly provide an opportunity for the person completing the
4 certification to indicate that the death was caused in whole or
5 in part by a dementia-related disease, Parkinson's Disease, or
6 Parkinson-Dementia Complex.

7 (4) When the deceased was a veteran of any war of the
8 United States, the funeral director shall prepare a
9 "Certificate of Burial of U. S. War Veteran", as prescribed and
10 furnished by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, and
11 submit such certificate to the Illinois Department of Veterans'
12 Affairs monthly.

13 (5) When a death is presumed to have occurred in this State
14 but the body cannot be located, a death certificate may be
15 prepared by the State Registrar upon receipt of an order of a
16 court of competent jurisdiction which includes the finding of
17 facts required to complete the death certificate. Such death
18 certificate shall be marked "Presumptive" and shall show on its
19 face the date of the registration and shall identify the court
20 and the date of the judgment.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
23 2011."