By Senator Wise

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A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to death and fetal death registration; amending s. 382.008, F.S.; 3 providing for advanced registered nurse 4 5 practitioners to provide certification of death 6 or fetal death; providing an effective date. 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 8 9 10 Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 382.008, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 11 12 382.008 Death and fetal death registration. --13 (2)(a) The funeral director who first assumes custody of a dead body or fetus shall file the certificate of death or 14 fetal death. In the absence of the funeral director, the 15 physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or other 16 person in attendance at or after the death shall file the certificate of death or fetal death. The person who files the 18 certificate shall obtain personal data from the next of kin or 19 the best qualified person or source available. The medical 20 21 certification of cause of death shall be furnished to the 22 funeral director, either in person or via certified mail, by 23 the physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or medical examiner responsible for furnishing such information. 2.4 For fetal deaths, the physician, midwife, advanced registered 25 nurse practitioner, or hospital administrator shall provide 26 27 any medical or health information to the funeral director 2.8 within 72 hours after expulsion or extraction. 29 (b) The State Registrar may receive electronically a certificate of death or fetal death which is required to be 30 filed with the registrar under this chapter through facsimile

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or other electronic transfer for the purpose of filing the certificate. The receipt of a certificate of death or fetal death by electronic transfer constitutes delivery to the State Registrar as required by law.

- death certificate from the funeral director, the medical certification of cause of death shall be completed and made available to the funeral director by the physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner in charge of the decedent's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death, the physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner in attendance at the time of death or fetal death or immediately before or after such death or fetal death, or the medical examiner if the provisions of s. 382.011 apply. The physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or medical examiner shall certify over his or her signature the cause of death to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.
- (a) The local registrar may grant the funeral director an extension of time upon a good and sufficient showing of any of the following conditions:
 - 1. An autopsy is pending.
- 2. Toxicology, laboratory, or other diagnostic reports have not been completed.
- 3. The identity of the decedent is unknown and further investigation or identification is required.
- practitioner, or medical examiner has indicated that he or she will sign and complete the medical certification of cause of death, but will not be available until after the 5-day registration deadline, the local registrar may grant an extension of 5 days. If a further extension is required, the

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1	funeral director must provide written justification to the
2	registrar.
3	(4) If the local registrar has granted an extension of
4	time to provide the medical certification of cause of death,
5	the funeral director shall file a temporary certificate of
6	death or fetal death which shall contain all available
7	information, including the fact that the cause of death is
8	pending. The physician, advanced registered nurse
9	practitioner, or medical examiner shall provide an estimated
10	date for completion of the permanent certificate.
11	(5) A permanent certificate of death or fetal death,
12	containing the cause of death and any other information which
13	was previously unavailable, shall be registered as a
14	replacement for the temporary certificate. The permanent
15	certificate may also include corrected information if the
16	items being corrected are noted on the back of the certificate
17	and dated and signed by the funeral director, physician,
18	advanced registered nurse practitioner, or medical examiner,
19	as appropriate.
20	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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