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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the disposition of fetal
 3 remains; creating s. 383.33625, F.S.; providing
 4 a popular name; providing that where a health
 5 practitioner has custody of fetal remains
 6 following a spontaneous fetal demise, the
 7 health practitioner must notify the mother of
 8 her option of burial or cremation of the fetal
 9 remains; providing requirements with respect to
 10 notification; directing the Department of
 11 Health to develop forms for health
 12 practitioners; providing that where a facility
 13 has custody of fetal remains following a
 14 spontaneous fetal demise, the facility must
 15 notify the mother of her option of burial or
 16 cremation of the fetal remains; directing the
 17 Agency for Health Care Administration to
 18 develop forms for facilities; providing an
 19 effective date.

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 21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 23 Section 1. Section 383.33625, Florida Statutes, is
 24 created to read:

25 383.33625 Stephanie Saboor Grieving Parents Act;
 26 disposition of fetus; notification; forms developed.--

27 (1) This section shall be known by the popular name
 28 the "Stephanie Saboor Grieving Parents Act."

29 (2) A health care practitioner licensed pursuant to
 30 chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 464, or chapter 467, Florida
 31 Statutes, having custody of fetal remains following a

1 spontaneous fetal demise occurring after a gestation period of
2 less than 20 completed weeks must notify the mother of her
3 option to arrange for the burial or cremation of the fetal
4 remains. Notification may also include other options such as,
5 but not limited to, a ceremony, a certificate, or common
6 burial of the fetal remains.

7 (3) The Department of Health shall adopt rules to
8 develop forms to be used for notifications and elections by
9 the healthcare practitioner, and the health care practitioner
10 shall provide the forms to the mother.

11 (4) A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 383 or
12 chapter 395, Florida Statutes, having custody of fetal remains
13 following a spontaneous fetal demise occurring after a
14 question period of less than 20 completed weeks must notify
15 the mother of her option to arrange for the burial or
16 cremation of the fetal remains. Notification may also include
17 other options such as, but not limited to, a ceremony, a
18 certificate, or common burial of the fetal remains.

19 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
20 adopt rules to develop forms to be used for notifications and
21 elections by the facility, and the hospital shall provide the
22 forms to the mother.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
24 law.