



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

5 (3) Within 72 hours after receipt of a death or fetal  
6 death certificate from the funeral director, the medical  
7 certification of cause of death shall be completed and made  
8 available to the funeral director by the physician or advanced  
9 registered nurse practitioner in charge of the decedent's care  
10 for the illness or condition which resulted in death, the  
11 physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner in  
12 attendance at the time of death or fetal death or immediately  
13 before or after such death or fetal death, or the medical  
14 examiner if the provisions of s. 382.011 apply. The physician,  
15 advanced registered nurse practitioner, or medical examiner  
16 shall certify over his or her signature the cause of death to  
17 the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

18 (a) The local registrar may grant the funeral director  
19 an extension of time upon a good and sufficient showing of any  
20 of the following conditions:

- 21 1. An autopsy is pending.
- 22 2. Toxicology, laboratory, or other diagnostic reports  
23 have not been completed.
- 24 3. The identity of the decedent is unknown and further  
25 investigation or identification is required.

26 (b) If the physician, advanced registered nurse  
27 practitioner, or medical examiner has indicated that he or she  
28 will sign and complete the medical certification of cause of  
29 death, but will not be available until after the 5-day  
30 registration deadline, the local registrar may grant an  
31 extension of 5 days. If a further extension is required, the

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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23 SENATE SUMMARY

24 Provides for advanced registered nurse practitioners to  
25 provide certification of death or fetal death.  
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