

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

I. P. K. VIDLER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14 September, 1967.*

New South Wales



ANNO SEXTO DECIMO

ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

Act No. , 1967.

An Act relating to the registration of still-births, the issue of medical certificates in the case of perinatal deaths and the furnishing of information pertaining thereto; for these and other purposes to amend the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act, 1967". Short title, citation and commencement.
- (2) The Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1899–1967.
- (3) This Act shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.
2. (1) The Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899–1966, is amended— Amendment of Act No. 17, 1899.
- (a) by inserting in section one next after the matter relating to Part VI the following new matter:— Sec. 1. (Short title and division into Parts.)
- PART VIA.—*Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths*—ss. 30A–30G.
- (b) (i) by omitting from section three the definition of "Still-born child" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following definitions:— Sec. 3. (Interpretation.)
- "Still-birth" means the delivery of a still-born child.
- "Still-born child" means a child who—
- (a) is of at least twenty weeks gestation, or at least four hundred grammes weight, at delivery; and
- (b) has not breathed after delivery.
- (ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsections :—
- (2) In this Act—
- 5 (a) a reference to a birth or to the birth of a child is a reference to the birth of a child who has breathed after delivery;
- 10 (b) a reference to the delivery of a child or a still-born child is a reference to the complete expulsion or extraction of the child or still-born child from his mother.
- 15 (3) Nothing in this Act (except as provided by Parts VIA and VIII and the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules) applies in respect of still-births or still-born children or to forms of information or medical certificates under Part VIA of this Act.
- 20 (c) (i) by omitting from section nineteen the words “according to the forms of registration here-
inbefore referred to” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose”; Sec. 19.
(Notice of
births.)
- 25 (ii) by omitting from the same section the words “occupier of the house” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “tenant of the house or place”;
- (d) by omitting section 19A; Sec. 19A.
(Birth and
death of
still-born
children to
be regis-
tered.)
- 30 (e) (i) by omitting from section twenty-seven the words “according to the forms of registration hereinbefore referred to” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose”; Sec. 27.
(Notice of
deaths.)
- 35 (ii)
- (ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new paragraph :—

Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of thirty days.

- (f) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section 27A the words "and Eleventh Schedules" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Eleventh and Fourteenth Schedules";

Sec. 27A.
(Issue of medical certificates of cause of death.)

- (ii) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection two of the same section the words "effect of the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act; or" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

"effect of—

- (i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

- (ii) the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period; or";

- (iii) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same section the words "effect of the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act," and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

"effect of—

- (i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

(ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period,";
- (iv) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "Ninth Schedule or Eleventh Schedule" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Ninth, Eleventh or Fourteenth Schedule";
- (g) by inserting next after Part VI the following new Part :—

PART VIA.

Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.

DIVISION 1.—General.

30A. In this Part and in the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules to this Act— Interpretation.

"Perinatal death" means—

- (a) the death of a child on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or
- (b) a still-birth.

DIVISION 2.—Provisions as to Registration of Still-births.

30B. Where a still-birth occurs in New South Wales the parent of the still-born child shall within twenty-one days next thereafter inform the district registrar of such still-birth and of all the particulars concerning the same in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose. Notice of still-births.

In default of a parent so informing the district registrar within the time referred to, the district registrar may be informed by the tenant of the house or place where the still-birth occurred or by any person present at the still-birth.

Nothing

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of twenty-one days.

30c. Where a still-birth occurs and—

- 5 (a) the mother of the still-born child was, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, such medical practitioner shall sign and deliver or forward forthwith to the district registrar a certificate in or to the effect of the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act; or
- 10 (b) the mother was not, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, any medical practitioner who has viewed the body of the still-born child may so sign and deliver or forward that certificate,

Issue of medical certificate of cause of death.

and, as soon as practicable after signing the certificate, shall deliver to the tenant of the house or place in which the still-birth occurred a notice in writing in or to the effect of the form in the Tenth Schedule to this Act of the signing of the certificate.

- 25 30d. The district registrar shall forthwith forward—
- (a) all forms of information received by him pursuant to section 30B of this Act; and
- (b) all certificates received by him pursuant to section 30c of this Act,
- 30 to the General Registry.

District registrar to forward forms and certificates to General Registry.

30E. (1) For the purposes of this Part, the Registrar-General shall keep a register of still-births.

Register of still-births.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(2) The register of still-births shall consist of the forms and certificates endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section.

5 (3) A still-birth shall be deemed to be registered when—

(a) the form of information, referred to in section 30B of this Act, in respect of that still-birth; and

10 (b) the certificate, referred to in section 30C of this Act, in respect of that still-birth,

have been endorsed by the Registrar-General to that effect.

15 (4) The Registrar-General may file those forms and certificates in such order and manner as he thinks fit.

20 (5) The Registrar-General may remove from the register of still-births and destroy any form or certificate which has been endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section for at least two years.

(6) The provisions of section sixteen of this Act apply, mutatis mutandis, to the register of still-births.

25 30F. A person shall not bury or otherwise dispose of, or cause to be buried or otherwise disposed of, the body of any still-born child unless there is delivered to him a notice of the signing of a certificate in accordance with section 30C of this Act. Burial or other disposal of body of still-born child.

30 DIVISION 3.—*Provisions as to Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.*

30G. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Registrar-General may make available or forward—

35 (a) any forms of information of perinatal death completed pursuant to section twenty-seven or 30B of this Act; and

(b) Information to Director-General of Public Health and Deputy Commonwealth Statistician.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- 5 (b) any medical certificates of cause of perinatal death delivered or forwarded pursuant to section 27A or 30C of this Act, to the Director-General of Public Health and the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician for New South Wales each of whom may thereupon make copies thereof or extracts therefrom.
- 10 (h) by inserting in the Ninth Schedule after the words "his death" the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter"; **Ninth Schedule.**
- 15 (i) (i) by inserting in the Tenth Schedule after the word "DEATH" where firstly occurring the words "OR PERINATAL DEATH"; **Tenth Schedule.**
- 20 (ii) by inserting in the same Schedule after the words "on (date)" the words "or a Medical Certificate of Cause of Perinatal Death of a still-born child of (name and address) at (place) on (date)";
- 25 (j) by inserting in the Eleventh Schedule after the words "after death" where firstly occurring the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter"; **Eleventh Schedule.**
- 25 (k) by inserting next after the Thirteenth Schedule the following new Schedule :— **New Fourteenth Schedule.**

FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE.

30 Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended— Sections 27A (2) (a) (b), 30C.

Registrar to enter No. of Death Entry.
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Secs. 27A (2), 30C.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF PERINATAL DEATH.

(To be completed—

- 35 (a) in respect of a still-born child of at least 20 weeks gestation or 400 grammes weight at delivery—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the mother during the confinement or who has viewed the body of the child after the still-birth;

(b)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(b) in respect of a live-born child dying on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the child before death or who has viewed the body of the child after death;

5 and to be delivered or forwarded by that medical practitioner to the District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages direct.)

A. Particulars relating to Mother.

Full name

Address of usual residence

10 Age last birthday years

Number of previous pregnancies.

B. Particulars relating to Child.

Name, if given

Date of death, if live born

15 Age at death

Place of death

Sex

Time and date of birth a.m. or p.m. on

This birth was—Single/Twins/or

20 Weight at birth

Period of gestation

Did child breathe after complete expulsion or extraction from the mother?

Did heart beat cease before or after labour/delivery?

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Cause of Death.

State approximate interval between onset and death, if known.

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I.

A. Causes in Child or Foetus—

Disease or condition directly leading to death

due to }
due to }

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B. Maternal Conditions or Other Causes giving rise to the underlying cause in the child or foetus.

due to

II.

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Other significant conditions in child, foetus or mother contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing it:

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

* was

Post mortem * is to be carried out

* is not to be

* I attended the mother of the still-born child during confinement

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I hereby certify that * I attended the child before death

* I viewed the body of the child after death

and that the particulars stated above are true to the best of my
10 knowledge and belief.

Signature

Residence

Date

* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, section 19A
15 of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966, shall continue to apply in respect of the birth of a still-born child (as defined in section three of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966) that occurred before the commencement of this Act.

BY AUTHORITY:

V. C. N. BLIGHT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, NEW SOUTH WALES—1967

[10c]

No. , 1967.

A BILL

Relating to the registration of still-births, the issue of medical certificates in the case of perinatal deaths and the furnishing of information pertaining thereto; for these and other purposes to amend the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

[MR MADDISON—31 *August*, 1967.]

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(2) The Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1899–1967.

(3) This Act shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

2. (1) The Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899–1966, is amended— Amendment of Act No. 17, 1899.

(a) by inserting in section one next after the matter relating to Part VI the following new matter :— Sec. 1. (Short title and division into Parts.)

20 **PART VIA.—Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths—ss. 30A–30G.**

(b) (i) by omitting from section three the definition of "Still-born child" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following definitions :— Sec. 3. (Interpretation.)

25 "Still-birth" means the delivery of a still-born child.

"Still-born child" means a child who—

(a) is of at least twenty weeks gestation, or at least four hundred grammes weight, at delivery; and

(b) has not breathed after delivery.

(ii)

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Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsections :—

(2) In this Act—

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(a) a reference to a birth or to the birth of a child is a reference to the birth of a child who has breathed after delivery ;

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(b) a reference to the delivery of a child or a still-born child is a reference to the complete expulsion or extraction of the child or still-born child from his mother.

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(3) Nothing in this Act (except as provided by Parts VIA and VIII and the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules) applies in respect of still-births or still-born children or to forms of information or medical certificates under Part VIA of this Act.

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(c) (i) by omitting from section nineteen the words **Sec. 19.** "according to the forms of registration here- **(Notice of births.)** inbefore referred to" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose";

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(ii) by omitting from the same section the words "occupier of the house" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "tenant of the house or place";

(d) by omitting section 19A;

Sec. 19A.
(Birth and death of still-born children to be registered.)

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(e) (i) by omitting from section twenty-seven the words "according to the forms of registration hereinbefore referred to" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose"; **Sec. 27.** **(Notice of deaths.)**

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(ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new paragraph :—

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Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of thirty days.

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(f) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section 27A the words "and Eleventh Schedules" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words ", Eleventh and Fourteenth Schedules";

Sec. 27A.
(Issue of medical certificates of cause of death.)

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(ii) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection two of the same section the words "effect of the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act; or" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

"effect of—

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(i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

(ii) the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period; or";

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(iii) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same section the words "effect of the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act," and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

"effect of—

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(i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

(ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period.”;
- 5 (iv) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words “Ninth Schedule or Eleventh Schedule” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “Ninth, Eleventh or Fourteenth Schedule”;
- 10 (g) by inserting next after Part VI the following new ^{New Part} Part : — _{VIA.}

PART VIA.

Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.

DIVISION 1.—*General.*

15 30A. In this Part and in the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules to this Act— ^{Interpre-} _{tation.}

“Perinatal death” means—

- (a) the death of a child on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or
- 20 (b) a still-birth.

DIVISION 2.—*Provisions as to Registration of Still-births.*

25 30B. Where a still-birth occurs in New South Wales the parent of the still-born child shall within ^{Notice of} _{still-births.} twenty-one days next thereafter inform the district registrar of such still-birth and of all the particulars concerning the same in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose.

30 In default of a parent so informing the district registrar within the time referred to, the district registrar may be informed by the tenant of the house or place where the still-birth occurred or
35 by any person present at the still-birth.

Nothing

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of twenty-one days.

30c. Where a still-birth occurs and—

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(a) the mother of the still-born child was, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, such medical practitioner shall sign and deliver or forward forthwith to the district registrar a certificate in or to the effect of the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act; or

Issue of medical certificate of cause of death.

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(b) the mother was not, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, any medical practitioner who has viewed the body of the still-born child may so sign and deliver or forward that certificate,

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and, as soon as practicable after signing the certificate, shall deliver to the tenant of the house or place in which the still-birth occurred a notice in writing in or to the effect of the form in the Tenth Schedule to this Act of the signing of the certificate.

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30d. The district registrar shall forthwith forward—

District registrar to forward forms and certificates to General Registry.

(a) all forms of information received by him pursuant to section 30b of this Act; and

(b) all certificates received by him pursuant to section 30c of this Act,

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to the General Registry.

30e. (1) For the purposes of this Part, the Registrar-General shall keep a register of still-births.

Register of still-births.

(2)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(2) The register of still-births shall consist of the forms and certificates endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section.

(3) A still-birth shall be deemed to be registered when—

(a) the form of information, referred to in section 30B of this Act, in respect of that still-birth; and

(b) the certificate, referred to in section 30c of this Act, in respect of that still-birth,

have been endorsed by the Registrar-General to that effect.

(4) The Registrar-General may file those forms and certificates in such order and manner as he thinks fit.

(5) The Registrar-General may remove from the register of still-births and destroy any form or certificate which has been endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section for at least two years.

(6) The provisions of section sixteen of this Act apply, mutatis mutandis, to the register of still-births.

30F. A person shall not bury or otherwise dispose of, or cause to be buried or otherwise disposed of, the body of any still-born child unless there is delivered to him a notice of the signing of a certificate in accordance with section 30c of this Act.

Burial or other disposal of body of still-born child.

DIVISION 3.—*Provisions as to Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.*

30G. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Registrar-General may make available or forward—

(a) any forms of information of perinatal death completed pursuant to section twenty-seven or 30B of this Act; and

(b)

Information to Director-General of Public Health and Deputy Commonwealth Statistician.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (b) any medical certificates of cause of perinatal death delivered or forwarded pursuant to section 27A or 30C of this Act,
to the Director-General of Public Health and the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician for New South Wales each of whom may thereupon make copies thereof or extracts therefrom.
- (h) by inserting in the Ninth Schedule after the words "his death" the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter";
- (i) (i) by inserting in the Tenth Schedule after the word "DEATH" where firstly occurring the words "OR PERINATAL DEATH";
- (ii) by inserting in the same Schedule after the words "on (date)" the words "or a Medical Certificate of Cause of Perinatal Death of a still-born child of (name and address) at (place) on (date)";
- (j) by inserting in the Eleventh Schedule after the words "after death" where firstly occurring the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter";
- (k) by inserting next after the Thirteenth Schedule the following new Schedule :—

FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE.

30 Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended— Sections 27A (2) (a) (b), 30C.

Registrar to enter No. of Death Entry.

Secs. 27A (2), 30C.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF PERINATAL DEATH.

(To be completed—

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(b)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(b) in respect of a live-born child dying on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the child before death or who has viewed the body of the child after death;

5 and to be delivered or forwarded by that medical practitioner to the District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages direct.)

A. Particulars relating to Mother.

Full name

Address of usual residence

10 Age last birthday years

Number of previous pregnancies.

B. Particulars relating to Child.

Name, if given

Date of death, if live born

15 Age at death

Place of death

Sex

Time and date of birth a.m. or p.m. on

This birth was—Single/Twins/or

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Period of gestation

Did child breathe after complete expulsion or extraction from the mother?

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25	Cause of Death.	State approximate interval between onset and death, if known.
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Disease or condition directly leading to death

due to }

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II.

40 Other significant conditions in child, foetus or mother contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing it:

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

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I hereby certify that * I attended the mother of the still-born child during confinement
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Signature

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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1967

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to provide for the keeping of a register of still-births;
- (b) to require special medical certificates of the cause of death of children before or at birth or within twenty-eight days after birth to be issued by a medical practitioner;
- (c) to permit the Registrar-General to forward, for statistical purposes, information relating to those deaths to the Director-General of Public Health and the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician; and
- (d) to make other amendments of a minor or ancillary character.

PROOF

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 - Sec. 19. (Notice of births.)
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- (d) by omitting section 19A;
 - Sec. 19A. (Birth and death of still-born children to be registered.)
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- (ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new paragraph :—

5 Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of thirty days.

10 (f) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section 27A the words “and Eleventh Schedules” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “, Eleventh and Fourteenth Schedules”; Sec. 27A. (Issue of medical certificates of cause of death.)

15 (ii) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection two of the same section the words “effect of the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act; or” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

 “effect of—

20 (i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

 (ii) the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period; or”;

25 (iii) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same section the words “effect of the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act,” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

 “effect of—

30 (i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

(ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period.”;
- (iv) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words “Ninth Schedule or Eleventh Schedule” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “Ninth, Eleventh or Fourteenth Schedule”;
- (g) by inserting next after Part VI the following new Part :—

New Part
VI.A.

PART VIA.

Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.

DIVISION 1.—*General.*

30A. In this Part and in the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules to this Act—

Interpre-
tation.

“Perinatal death” means—

- (a) the death of a child on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or
- (b) a still-birth.

DIVISION 2.—*Provisions as to Registration of Still-births.*

30B. Where a still-birth occurs in New South Wales the parent of the still-born child shall within twenty-one days next thereafter inform the district registrar of such still-birth and of all the particulars concerning the same in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose.

Notice of
still-births.

In default of a parent so informing the district registrar within the time referred to, the district registrar may be informed by the tenant of the house or place where the still-birth occurred or by any person present at the still-birth.

Nothing

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of twenty-one days.

30c. Where a still-birth occurs and—

- 5 (a) the mother of the still-born child was, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, such medical practitioner shall sign and deliver or forward forthwith to the district registrar a certificate in or to the effect of the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act; or
- 10 (b) the mother was not, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, any medical practitioner who has viewed the body of the still-born child may so sign and deliver or forward that
- 15 certificate,

Issue of medical certificate of cause of death.

and, as soon as practicable after signing the certificate, shall deliver to the tenant of the house or place in which the still-birth occurred a notice in writing in or to the effect of the form in the Tenth Schedule to this Act of the signing of the certificate.

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30d. The district registrar shall forthwith forward—

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- (a) all forms of information received by him pursuant to section 30b of this Act; and
- (b) all certificates received by him pursuant to section 30c of this Act,

District registrar to forward forms and certificates to General Registry.

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to the General Registry.

30e. (1) For the purposes of this Part, the Registrar-General shall keep a register of still-births.

Register of still-births.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(2) The register of still-births shall consist of the forms and certificates endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section.

(3) A still-birth shall be deemed to be registered when—

(a) the form of information, referred to in section 30B of this Act, in respect of that still-birth; and

(b) the certificate, referred to in section 30C of this Act, in respect of that still-birth, have been endorsed by the Registrar-General to that effect.

(4) The Registrar-General may file those forms and certificates in such order and manner as he thinks fit.

(5) The Registrar-General may remove from the register of still-births and destroy any form or certificate which has been endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section for at least two years.

(6) The provisions of section sixteen of this Act apply, mutatis mutandis, to the register of still-births.

30F. A person shall not bury or otherwise dispose of, or cause to be buried or otherwise disposed of, the body of any still-born child unless there is delivered to him a notice of the signing of a certificate in accordance with section 30C of this Act.

Burial or other disposal of body of still-born child.

DIVISION 3.—*Provisions as to Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.*

30G. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Registrar-General may make available or forward—

(a) any forms of information of perinatal death completed pursuant to section twenty-seven or 30B of this Act; and

Information to Director-General of Public Health and Deputy Commonwealth Statistician.

(b)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (b) any medical certificates of cause of perinatal death delivered or forwarded pursuant to section 27A or 30c of this Act,
 5 to the Director-General of Public Health and the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician for New South Wales each of whom may thereupon make copies thereof or extracts therefrom.
- 10 (h) by inserting in the Ninth Schedule after the words "his death" the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter"; Ninth Schedule.
- (i) (i) by inserting in the Tenth Schedule after the word "DEATH" where firstly occurring the words "OR PERINATAL DEATH"; Tenth Schedule.
- 15 (ii) by inserting in the same Schedule after the words "on (date)" the words "or a Medical Certificate of Cause of Perinatal Death of a still-born child of (name and address) at (place) on (date)";
- 20 (j) by inserting in the Eleventh Schedule after the words "after death" where firstly occurring the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter"; Eleventh Schedule.
- 25 (k) by inserting next after the Thirteenth Schedule the following new Schedule :— New Fourteenth Schedule.

FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE.

30 Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended— Sections 27A (2) (a) (b), 30c.

Registrar to enter No. of Death Entry.
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Secs. 27A (2), 30c.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF PERINATAL DEATH.

(To be completed—

- 35 (a) in respect of a still-born child of at least 20 weeks gestation or 400 grammes weight at delivery—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the mother during the confinement or who has viewed the body of the child after the still-birth;

(b)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(b) in respect of a live-born child dying on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the child before death or who has viewed the body of the child after death;

5 and to be delivered or forwarded by that medical practitioner to the District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages direct.)

A. Particulars relating to Mother.

- Full name
- Address of usual residence
- 10 Age last birthday years
- Number of previous pregnancies.

B. Particulars relating to Child.

- Name, if given
- Date of death, if live born
- 15 Age at death
- Place of death
- Sex
- Time and date of birth a.m. or p.m. on
- This birth was—Single/Twins/or
- 20 Weight at birth
- Period of gestation
- Did child breathe after complete expulsion or extraction from the mother?
- Did heart beat cease before or after labour/delivery?

25	Cause of Death.	State approximate interval between onset and death, if known.
30	I.	
	A. Causes in Child or Foetus—	
	Disease or condition directly leading to death	
	due to }	
	due to }	
35	B. Maternal Conditions or Other Causes giving rise to the underlying cause in the child or foetus.	
	due to	
	II.	
40	Other significant conditions in child, foetus or mother contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing it:	

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

* was
 Post mortem * is to be carried out
 * is not to be

5 I hereby certify that * I attended the mother of the still-born child during confinement
 * I attended the child before death
 * I viewed the body of the child after death

and that the particulars stated above are true to the best of my
 10 knowledge and belief.

Signature

Residence

Date

* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, section 19A
 15 of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966, shall continue to apply in respect of the birth of a still-born child (as defined in section three of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966) that occurred before the commencement of this Act.

BY AUTHORITY:

V. C. N. BLIGHT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, NEW SOUTH WALES-1967

New South Wales



ANNO SEXTO DECIMO

ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

Act No. 45, 1967.

An Act relating to the registration of still-births, the issue of medical certificates in the case of perinatal deaths and the furnishing of information pertaining thereto; for these and other purposes to amend the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 5th October, 1967.]

BE

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

Short title, citation and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act, 1967".

(2) The Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1899-1967.

(3) This Act shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Amendment of Act No. 17, 1899.

2. (1) The Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966, is amended—

Sec. 1.
(Short title and division into Parts.)

(a) by inserting in section one next after the matter relating to Part VI the following new matter :—

PART VIA.—*Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths—ss. 30A-30G.*

Sec. 3.
(Interpretation.)

(b) (i) by omitting from section three the definition of "Still-born child" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following definitions :—

"Still-birth" means the delivery of a still-born child.

"Still-born child" means a child who—

(a) is of at least twenty weeks gestation, or at least four hundred grammes weight, at delivery; and

(b) has not breathed after delivery.

(ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsections :—
- (2) In this Act—
- (a) a reference to a birth or to the birth of a child is a reference to the birth of a child who has breathed after delivery;
- (b) a reference to the delivery of a child or a still-born child is a reference to the complete expulsion or extraction of the child or still-born child from his mother.
- (3) Nothing in this Act (except as provided by Parts VIA and VIII and the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules) applies in respect of still-births or still-born children or to forms of information or medical certificates under Part VIA of this Act.
- (c) (i) by omitting from section nineteen the words Sec. 19. “according to the forms of registration here- (Notice of births.) before referred to” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose”;
- (ii) by omitting from the same section the words “occupier of the house” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “tenant of the house or place”;
- (d) by omitting section 19A; Sec. 19A.
(Birth and death of still-born children to be registered.)
- (e) (i) by omitting from section twenty-seven the words “according to the forms of registration hereinbefore referred to” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose”; Sec. 27.
(Notice of deaths.)
- (ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new paragraph :—

Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of thirty days.

Sec. 27A.
(Issue of
medical
certificates
of cause
of death.)

- (f) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section 27A the words “and Eleventh Schedules” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “, Eleventh and Fourteenth Schedules”;

- (ii) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection two of the same section the words “effect of the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act; or” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

“effect of—

- (i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

- (ii) the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period; or”;

- (iii) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same section the words “effect of the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act,” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

“effect of—

- (i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

(ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period.”;
- (iv) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words “Ninth Schedule or Eleventh Schedule” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “Ninth, Eleventh or Fourteenth Schedule”;
- (g) by inserting next after Part VI the following new ^{New Part} Part :— _{VI..}

PART VIA.

Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.

DIVISION 1.—*General.*

30A. In this Part and in the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules to this Act— ^{Interpre-}

“Perinatal death” means—

- (a) the death of a child on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or
- (b) a still-birth.

DIVISION 2.—*Provisions as to Registration of Still-births.*

30B. Where a still-birth occurs in New South Wales the parent of the still-born child shall within ^{Notice of} twenty-one days next thereafter inform the district registrar of such still-birth and of all the particulars concerning the same in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose. _{still-births.}

In default of a parent so informing the district registrar within the time referred to, the district registrar may be informed by the tenant of the house or place where the still-birth occurred or by any person present at the still-birth.

Nothing

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of twenty-one days.

Issue of medical certificate of cause of death.

30C. Where a still-birth occurs and—

- (a) the mother of the still-born child was, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, such medical practitioner shall sign and deliver or forward forthwith to the district registrar a certificate in or to the effect of the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act; or
- (b) the mother was not, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, any medical practitioner who has viewed the body of the still-born child may so sign and deliver or forward that certificate,

and, as soon as practicable after signing the certificate, shall deliver to the tenant of the house or place in which the still-birth occurred a notice in writing in or to the effect of the form in the Tenth Schedule to this Act of the signing of the certificate.

District registrar to forward forms and certificates to General Registry.

30D. The district registrar shall forthwith forward—

- (a) all forms of information received by him pursuant to section 30B of this Act; and
- (b) all certificates received by him pursuant to section 30C of this Act,

to the General Registry.

Register of still-births.

30E. (1) For the purposes of this Part, the Registrar-General shall keep a register of still-births.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(2) The register of still-births shall consist of the forms and certificates endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section.

(3) A still-birth shall be deemed to be registered when—

(a) the form of information, referred to in section 30B of this Act, in respect of that still-birth; and

(b) the certificate, referred to in section 30C of this Act, in respect of that still-birth,

have been endorsed by the Registrar-General to that effect.

(4) The Registrar-General may file those forms and certificates in such order and manner as he thinks fit.

(5) The Registrar-General may remove from the register of still-births and destroy any form or certificate which has been endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section for at least two years.

(6) The provisions of section sixteen of this Act apply, mutatis mutandis, to the register of still-births.

30F. A person shall not bury or otherwise dispose of, or cause to be buried or otherwise disposed of, the body of any still-born child unless there is delivered to him a notice of the signing of a certificate in accordance with section 30C of this Act.

Burial or other disposal of body of still-born child.

DIVISION 3.—Provisions as to Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.

30G. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Registrar-General may make available or forward—

(a) any forms of information of perinatal death completed pursuant to section twenty-seven or 30B of this Act; and

(b)

Information to Director-General of Public Health and Deputy Commonwealth Statistician.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(b) any medical certificates of cause of perinatal death delivered or forwarded pursuant to section 27A or 30c of this Act,

to the Director-General of Public Health and the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician for New South Wales each of whom may thereupon make copies thereof or extracts therefrom.

Ninth Schedule.

(h) by inserting in the Ninth Schedule after the words "his death" the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter";

Tenth Schedule.

(i) (i) by inserting in the Tenth Schedule after the word "DEATH" where firstly occurring the words "OR PERINATAL DEATH";

(ii) by inserting in the same Schedule after the words "on (date)" the words "or a Medical Certificate of Cause of Perinatal Death of a still-born child of (name and address) at (place) on (date)";

Eleventh Schedule.

(j) by inserting in the Eleventh Schedule after the words "after death" where firstly occurring the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter";

New Fourteenth Schedule.

(k) by inserting next after the Thirteenth Schedule the following new Schedule :—

FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE.

Secs. 27A (2), 30c.

Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended— Sections 27A (2) (a) (b), 30c.

Registrar to enter No. of Death Entry.
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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF PERINATAL DEATH.

(To be completed—

(a) in respect of a still-born child of at least 20 weeks gestation or 400 grammes weight at delivery—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the mother during the confinement or who has viewed the body of the child after the still-birth;

(b)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

(b) in respect of a live-born child dying on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the child before death or who has viewed the body of the child after death;

and to be delivered or forwarded by that medical practitioner to the District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages direct.)

A. Particulars relating to Mother.

- Full name
- Address of usual residence
- Age last birthday years
- Number of previous pregnancies.

B. Particulars relating to Child.

- Name, if given
- Date of death, if live born
- Age at death
- Place of death
- Sex
- Time and date of birth a.m. or p.m. on
- This birth was—Single/Twins/or
- Weight at birth
- Period of gestation

Did child breathe after complete expulsion or extraction from the mother?

Did heart beat cease before or after labour/delivery?

Cause of Death.	State approximate interval between onset and death, if known.
I.	
A. Causes in Child or Foetus—	
Disease or condition directly leading to death	
due to } due to }	
B. Maternal Conditions or Other Causes giving rise to the underlying cause in the child or foetus.	
due to	
II.	
Other significant conditions in child, foetus or mother contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing it:	

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

* was
Post mortem * is to be carried out
* is not to be

I hereby certify that * I attended the mother of the still-born child during confinement
* I attended the child before death
* I viewed the body of the child after death

and that the particulars stated above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Residence

Date

* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, section 19A of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966, shall continue to apply in respect of the birth of a still-born child (as defined in section three of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966) that occurred before the commencement of this Act.

BY AUTHORITY:

V. C. N. BLIGHT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, NEW SOUTH WALES-1967

I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

I. P. K. VIDLER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26 September, 1967.*

New South Wales



ANNO SEXTO DECIMO

ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

Act No. 45, 1967.

An Act relating to the registration of still-births, the issue of medical certificates in the case of perinatal deaths and the furnishing of information pertaining thereto; for these and other purposes to amend the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 5th October, 1967.]

BE

I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

G. R. CRAWFORD,
Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title,
citation and
commence-
ment.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act, 1967".

(2) The Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1899–1967.

(3) This Act shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Amendment
of Act No.
17, 1899.

Sec. 1.
(Short title
and division
into Parts.)

2. (1) The Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899–1966, is amended—

(a) by inserting in section one next after the matter relating to Part VI the following new matter:—

PART VIA.—*Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths*—ss. 30A–30G.

Sec. 3.
(Interpre-
tation.)

(b) (i) by omitting from section three the definition of "Still-born child" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following definitions:—

"Still-birth" means the delivery of a still-born child.

"Still-born child" means a child who—

(a) is of at least twenty weeks gestation, or at least four hundred grammes weight, at delivery; and

(b) has not breathed after delivery.

(ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsections :—
- (2) In this Act—
- (a) a reference to a birth or to the birth of a child is a reference to the birth of a child who has breathed after delivery;
- (b) a reference to the delivery of a child or a still-born child is a reference to the complete expulsion or extraction of the child or still-born child from his mother.
- (3) Nothing in this Act (except as provided by Parts VIA and VIII and the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules) applies in respect of still-births or still-born children or to forms of information or medical certificates under Part VIA of this Act.
- (c) (i) by omitting from section nineteen the words Sec. 19. “according to the forms of registration here- (Notice of births.) inbefore referred to” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose”;
- (ii) by omitting from the same section the words “occupier of the house” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “tenant of the house or place”;
- (d) by omitting section 19A; Sec. 19A.
(Birth and death of still-born children to be registered.)
- (e) (i) by omitting from section twenty-seven the words “according to the forms of registration hereinbefore referred to” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose”; Sec. 27.
(Notice of deaths.)
- (ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new paragraph :—

Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of thirty days.

Sec. 27A.
(Issue of
medical
certificates
of cause
of death.)

- (f) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section 27A the words “and Eleventh Schedules” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “, Eleventh and Fourteenth Schedules”;

- (ii) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection two of the same section the words “effect of the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act; or” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

“effect of—

- (i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or
- (ii) the form in the Ninth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period; or”;

- (iii) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same section the words “effect of the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act,” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—

“effect of—

- (i) the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, where the person dies on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or

(ii)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

- (ii) the form in the Eleventh Schedule to this Act, where the person dies after that period,";
- (iv) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "Ninth Schedule or Eleventh Schedule" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Ninth, Eleventh or Fourteenth Schedule";
- (g) by inserting next after Part VI the following new ^{New Part} Part :— ^{VL..}

PART VIA.

Provisions as to Registration of Still-births and Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.

DIVISION 1.—*General.*

30A. In this Part and in the Tenth and Fourteenth Schedules to this Act— ^{Interpre-}

"Perinatal death" means—

- (a) the death of a child on the day of his birth or within the period of twenty-eight days thereafter; or
- (b) a still-birth.

DIVISION 2.—*Provisions as to Registration of Still-births.*

30B. Where a still-birth occurs in New South Wales the parent of the still-born child shall within ^{Notice of} twenty-one days next thereafter inform the district registrar of such still-birth and of all the particulars concerning the same in or to the effect of the form of information provided by the Registrar-General for the purpose. ^{still-births.}

In default of a parent so informing the district registrar within the time referred to, the district registrar may be informed by the tenant of the house or place where the still-birth occurred or by any person present at the still-birth.

Nothing

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

Nothing in this section prevents the district registrar from receiving that information and those particulars after that period of twenty-one days.

Issue of medical certificate of cause of death.

30c. Where a still-birth occurs and—

- (a) the mother of the still-born child was, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, such medical practitioner shall sign and deliver or forward forthwith to the district registrar a certificate in or to the effect of the form in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act; or
- (b) the mother was not, at any time during the confinement, attended by a medical practitioner, any medical practitioner who has viewed the body of the still-born child may so sign and deliver or forward that certificate,

and, as soon as practicable after signing the certificate, shall deliver to the tenant of the house or place in which the still-birth occurred a notice in writing in or to the effect of the form in the Tenth Schedule to this Act of the signing of the certificate.

District registrar to forward forms and certificates to General Registry.

30d. The district registrar shall forthwith forward—

- (a) all forms of information received by him pursuant to section 30b of this Act; and
- (b) all certificates received by him pursuant to section 30c of this Act,

to the General Registry.

Register of still-births.

30e. (1) For the purposes of this Part, the Registrar-General shall keep a register of still-births.

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(2) The register of still-births shall consist of the forms and certificates endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section.

(3) A still-birth shall be deemed to be registered when—

(a) the form of information, referred to in section 30B of this Act, in respect of that still-birth; and

(b) the certificate, referred to in section 30C of this Act, in respect of that still-birth,

have been endorsed by the Registrar-General to that effect.

(4) The Registrar-General may file those forms and certificates in such order and manner as he thinks fit.

(5) The Registrar-General may remove from the register of still-births and destroy any form or certificate which has been endorsed pursuant to subsection three of this section for at least two years.

(6) The provisions of section sixteen of this Act apply, mutatis mutandis, to the register of still-births.

30F. A person shall not bury or otherwise dispose of, or cause to be buried or otherwise disposed of, the body of any still-born child unless there is delivered to him a notice of the signing of a certificate in accordance with section 30C of this Act.

Burial or other disposal of body of still-born child.

DIVISION 3.—Provisions as to Information relating to Perinatal Deaths.

30G. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Registrar-General may make available or forward—

Information to Director-General of Public Health and Deputy Commonwealth Statistician.

(a) any forms of information of perinatal death completed pursuant to section twenty-seven or 30B of this Act; and

(b)

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(b) any medical certificates of cause of perinatal death delivered or forwarded pursuant to section 27A or 30c of this Act,

to the Director-General of Public Health and the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician for New South Wales each of whom may thereupon make copies thereof or extracts therefrom.

Ninth Schedule.

(h) by inserting in the Ninth Schedule after the words "his death" the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter";

Tenth Schedule.

(i) (i) by inserting in the Tenth Schedule after the word "DEATH" where firstly occurring the words "OR PERINATAL DEATH";

(ii) by inserting in the same Schedule after the words "on (date)" the words "or a Medical Certificate of Cause of Perinatal Death of a still-born child of (name and address) at (place) on (date)";

Eleventh Schedule.

(j) by inserting in the Eleventh Schedule after the words "after death" where firstly occurring the words " , where the deceased's death did not take place on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter";

New Fourteenth Schedule.

(k) by inserting next after the Thirteenth Schedule the following new Schedule :—

FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE.

Secs. 27A (2), 30c.

Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended— Sections 27A (2) (a) (b), 30c.

Registrar to enter No. of Death Entry.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF PERINATAL DEATH.

(To be completed—

(a) in respect of a still-born child of at least 20 weeks gestation or 400 grammes weight at delivery—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the mother during the confinement or who has viewed the body of the child after the still-birth;

(b)

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(b) in respect of a live-born child dying on the day of his birth or within 28 days thereafter—by a legally qualified medical practitioner who attended the child before death or who has viewed the body of the child after death;

and to be delivered or forwarded by that medical practitioner to the District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages direct.)

A. Particulars relating to Mother.

Full name
 Address of usual residence
 Age last birthday years
 Number of previous pregnancies.

B. Particulars relating to Child.

Name, if given
 Date of death, if live born
 Age at death
 Place of death
Sex
 Time and date of birth a.m. or p.m. on
 This birth was—Single/Twins/or
 Weight at birth
 Period of gestation
 Did child breathe after complete expulsion or extraction from the mother?
 Did heart beat cease before or after labour/delivery?

Cause of Death.	State approximate interval between onset and death, if known.
<p style="text-align: center;">I.</p> <p>A. Causes in Child or Foetus—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Disease or condition directly leading to death</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">due to } due to }</p> <p>B. Maternal Conditions or Other Causes giving rise to the underlying cause in the child or foetus.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">due to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">II.</p> <p>Other significant conditions in child, foetus or mother contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing it:</p>	

Post

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* was
 Post mortem * is to be carried out
 * is not to be
 * I attended the mother of the still-born child
 during confinement
 I hereby certify that * I attended the child before death
 * I viewed the body of the child after death
 and that the particulars stated above are true to the best of my
 knowledge and belief.

Signature

Residence

Date

* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, section 19A of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966, shall continue to apply in respect of the birth of a still-born child (as defined in section three of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1966) that occurred before the commencement of this Act.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

A. R. CUTLER,
 Governor.

*Government House,
 Sydney, 5th October, 1967.*