

Bill No. 43 of 1944.

A BILL TO AMEND THE VITAL STATISTICS ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Vital Statistics Act*, chapter 30, R.S.A., 1942.

Section 1 of the Bill which adds a new subsection to section 25 of the Act requires a copy of the police report of any investigation into a sudden, violent or suspicious death to be sent to the Registrar General so that it may be filed with the registration of death. This provision makes the Act conform to present practice.

The new section 31 of the Act set out in section 2 of the Bill makes a change in the provision as to registration of stillbirths. Such births are to be in future recorded separately and where the stillbirth occurs within a period of less than twenty-eight weeks gestation, it shall not be registered.

The amendment made by section 3 of the Bill introduces a new provision as to late registrations. Section 36 of the Act provides that after the expiration of one year from the date of any birth, marriage or death the particulars shall not be registered except with the written authority of the Registrar General. The new subsection (2) added to section 38 of the Act by the Bill provides that if such an application is made to the Registrar General after the expiration of four years from the birth, marriage or death, the application must be verified by an affidavit and must also be accompanied by some documentary or other evidence satisfactory to the Registrar General and substantiating the particulars in the registration form.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act.

(Assented to _____, 1944.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Vital Statistics Act*, being chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 25 by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(6) In the case of any sudden, violent or suspicious death investigated by the police, the officer in command, or the chief constable of a municipality, as the case may be, shall transmit to the Registrar General a copy of the report of the investigation which shall be filed with the registration of death.”

2. The said Act is further amended as to section 31 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following.

“**31.**—(1) In the case of a child being born dead after twenty-eight weeks’ gestation, the event shall be registered as a stillbirth on a prescribed form, and the burial permit in Form 7 shall be procured from the nearest district registrar before the body is interred.

“(2) A stillbirth within the period of less than twenty-eight weeks’ gestation shall not be registered.

“(3) Stillbirths shall not be included in the departmental annual returns of births and deaths but they shall be recorded separately.”

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 38 by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(2) If application is made to register a birth, marriage or death by authority of the Registrar General, and the birth, marriage or death has taken place more than four years previous to the date of application, the applicant shall, in addition to completing the registration form verified by affidavit, produce some documentary evidence such as a certificate of baptism made within four years of the date of birth, a certificate of the physician or nurse present at the birth, or other evidence satisfactory to the Registrar General substantiating the particulars given on the registration form.”

4. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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