

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	Senate File 577	House Committee:	<b>PASSED</b> on 3/8/22 (24-1)
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Floor Manager:	Rep. Nordman	Senate Floor:	
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### Certificates for Nonviable Births

- This bill provides that a person may obtain a certificate of nonviable birth under certain circumstances.
- **Fiscal Note** – Unavailable

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – Certificate of nonviable birth (144.31B)

(New section) This section provides that a “nonviable birth” means an unintentional, spontaneous fetal demise occurring after demonstration of a doppler-detected heartbeat and prior to the twentieth week of gestation during a pregnancy that has been verified by a health care provider. It provides that a health care provider who attends or diagnoses a nonviable birth shall advise a patient that they may request a certificate of nonviable birth and, upon request by the patient, shall provide a letter certifying the nonviable birth to the patient.

This section authorizes the department of public health (DPH) to prescribe by administrative rule the form and content of a request and the process for requesting a certificate of nonviable birth. DPH shall issue a certificate within 60 days of receipt of a request by the patient and submission of the certification letter. DPH shall adopt administrative rules to prescribe the form and the fee for the preparation of a certificate. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost of preparation of the certificate. A certificate of nonviable birth may be requested and issued only for, nonviable births occurring on or after July 1, 2021.

### Amendment Analysis

**H-8265 by Nordman:** This amendment makes the bill apply to births that happened/happen on or after January 1, 2000 (more retroactivity).