

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1147

By: Crain of the Senate

and

Faught of the House

An Act relating to death certificate information; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-317, which relates to filing of certificates; requiring certain information to be entered into certain system by certain date; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Death certificates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-317, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-317. ~~(a)~~ A. A death certificate for each death which occurs in this state shall be filed with the State Department of Health, within three (3) days after such death.

~~(b)~~ B. The funeral director shall personally sign the death certificate and shall be responsible for filing the death certificate. If the funeral director is not available, the person acting as such who first assumes custody of a dead body in accordance with Section 1158 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall personally sign and file the death certificate. The personal data shall be obtained from the next of kin or the best qualified person or source available. The certificate shall be completed as to personal data and delivered to the attending physician or the medical examiner responsible for completing the medical certification portion of the certificate of death within twenty-four (24) hours after the

death. No later than July 1, 2012, the personal data shall be entered into the prescribed electronic system provided by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and the information submitted to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. The resultant certificate produced by the electronic system shall be provided to the physician or medical examiner for medical certification within twenty-four (24) hours after the death.

~~(e)~~ C. The medical certification shall be completed and signed within forty-eight (48) hours after death by the physician in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death, except when inquiry as to the cause of death is required by Section 938 of this title. No later than July 1, 2017, the medical certification portion of certificate data shall be entered into the prescribed electronic system provided by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and the information submitted to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

~~(d)~~ D. In the event that the physician in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death is not in attendance at the time of death, the medical certification shall be completed and signed within forty-eight (48) hours after death by the physician in attendance at the time of death, except when inquiry as to the cause of death is required by Section 938 of this title. Provided that such certification, if signed by other than the attending physician, shall note on the face the name of the attending physician and that the information shown is only as reported.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

Passed the Senate the 1st day of March, 2016.

CPB
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 31st day of March, 2016.

Joe R. Dineen
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 4th

day of April, 20 16, at 3:30 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Lockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 7th

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Mary Fallin
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 7th

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By: Paula