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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the disposition of fetal remains;
 3 creating s. 383.33625, F.S.; providing a popular name;
 4 providing that where a health care facility has custody of
 5 a fetus following a spontaneous fetal demise, the health
 6 care facility must notify the mother of her right to
 7 burial or cremation of the fetus; providing requirements
 8 with respect to notification; directing the Department of
 9 Health to develop forms; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 383.33625, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 383.33625 Stephanie Saboor Grieving Parents Rights Act;
 16 disposition of fetus; notification; forms developed by
 17 Department of Health.--

18 (1) This section shall be known by the popular name the
 19 "Stephanie Saboor Grieving Parents Rights Act."

20 (2) A health care facility having custody of a fetus
 21 following a spontaneous fetal demise occurring after a gestation
 22 period of less than 20 completed weeks must notify the mother of
 23 her right to arrange for the burial or cremation of the fetus.
 24 Notification may also include other options such as, but not
 25 limited to, a ceremony, a certificate, or common burial of the
 26 fetal tissue. If, within 24 hours after being notified under
 27 this section, the mother elects in writing to arrange for the
 28 burial or cremation of the fetus, the disposition of the fetus
 29 shall be subject to the same laws and rules that apply in the



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30 case of a fetal death that occurs in this state after a
31 gestation period of 20 completed weeks or more.

32 (3) The Department of Health shall develop forms to be
33 used for notifications and elections under this section, and
34 health care facilities shall provide the forms to the mother.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.