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Bill Analysis
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**Reps. Clancy, McGregor, Reidelbach, Setzer, C. Evans, Fessler, Latta,
S. Patton, Kearns, Collier, Young, Seaver, Schmidt**

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires death certificates to contain a space to indicate, if the deceased individual is female, whether she was pregnant at the time of death or had recently been pregnant.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Information on death certificates

(R.C. 3705.08)

Current law requires the Director of the Ohio Department of Health to prescribe through rules the form of death certificates. Death certificates must include the items and information prescribed by the Director, including the items recommended by the National Center for Health Statistics of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as approved and modified by the Director (see **COMMENT**).

The bill adds a requirement that death certificates include a space to indicate, if the deceased individual is female, whether any of the following conditions apply to her:

- (1) She was not pregnant within the past year;
- (2) She was not pregnant at the time of death;
- (3) She was not pregnant, but had been pregnant within 42 days prior to the time of death;
- (4) She was not pregnant, but had been pregnant within 43 days to one year prior to the time of death;

(5) It was unknown whether she was pregnant within the past year.

COMMENT

Appendix D of Ohio Administrative Code § 3701-5-02 is the death certificate form currently prescribed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health. A copy of Appendix D is attached.

HISTORY

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