

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting charges for the issuance of a certificate of still birth or pregnancy loss; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 4160-a of the public health law is
2 REPEALED and a new subdivision 9 is added to read as follows:

3 9. The department, or in the city of New York, the New York city
4 department of health and mental hygiene shall not charge any fee for the
5 issuance of a certificate under this section.

6 § 2. Subdivision 6 of section 4160 of the public health law is
7 REPEALED.

8 § 3. Section 4161 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
9 subdivision 5 to read as follows:

10 5. A local registrar shall not charge a fee for the issuance of a
11 certificate of pregnancy loss under this article.

12 § 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
13 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the public health law
14 relating to prohibiting charges for the issuance of a certificate of
15 still birth or pregnancy loss, as proposed in legislative bills numbers
16 S. 1807-A and A. 2311-A, takes effect.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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