

Assembly Bill No. 1797

CHAPTER 64

An act to amend Sections 102405 and 102415 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to vital statistics.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1797, Bock. Vital records: alternative birth center.

Existing law requires that each live birth be registered with the local registrar of live births and deaths for the district in which the birth occurred. Existing law authorizes the administrator of a hospital to sign and register the birth certificate if the attending physician and surgeon, certified nurse midwife, or principal attendant is not available.

This bill also would authorize the administrator of a state-licensed alternative birth center to sign and register live births under this provision.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 102405 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

102405. For live births that occur in a hospital, or a state-licensed alternative birth center, as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 1204, the administrator of the hospital or center or a representative designated by the administrator in writing may sign the birth certificate certifying the fact of birth instead of the attending physician and surgeon, certified nurse midwife, or principal attendant if the physician and surgeon, certified nurse midwife, or principal attendant is not available to sign the certificate; and shall be responsible for registering the certificate with the local registrar within the time specified in Section 102400.

SEC. 2. Section 102415 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

102415. For live births that occur outside of a hospital, or outside of a state-licensed alternative birth center, as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 1204, the physician in attendance at the birth; or in the absence of a physician, either one of the parents shall be responsible for entering the information on the certificate, securing the required signatures, and registering the certificate with the local registrar.

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