

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT VITAL STATISTICS ACT AMENDMENTS

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

House Sponsor: Timothy D. Hawkes

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill allows certain individuals who are licensed as a physician assistant to practice as a health care professional under the Utah Vital Statistics Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ adds certain physician assistants to the list of individuals who can practice as a health care professional under the Utah Vital Statistics Act; and
- ▶ creates requirements that a physician assistant must meet in order to practice as a health care professional under the Utah Vital Statistics Act.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-2-2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapters 137 and 184

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-2-2** is amended to read:

26-2-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Adoption document" means an adoption-related document filed with the office, a

30 petition for adoption, a decree of adoption, an original birth certificate, or evidence submitted
31 in support of a supplementary birth certificate.

32 [~~(2)~~] "~~Advanced practice registered nurse~~" means a person licensed to practice as an
33 ~~advanced practice registered nurse in this state under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice~~
34 ~~Act.~~]

35 [~~(3)~~] (2) "Custodial funeral service director" means a funeral service director who:

36 (a) is employed by a licensed funeral establishment; and

37 (b) has custody of a dead body.

38 [~~(4)~~] (3) "Dead body" or "decedent" means a human body or parts of the human body
39 from the condition of which it reasonably may be concluded that death occurred.

40 [~~(5)~~] (4) "Dead fetus" means a product of human conception, other than those
41 circumstances described in Subsection [76-7-301\(1\)](#):

42 (a) of 20 weeks' gestation or more, calculated from the date the last normal menstrual
43 period began to the date of delivery; and

44 (b) that was not born alive.

45 [~~(6)~~] (5) "Declarant father" means a male who claims to be the genetic father of a child,
46 and, along with the biological mother, signs a voluntary declaration of paternity to establish the
47 child's paternity.

48 [~~(7)~~] (6) "Dispositioner" means:

49 (a) a person designated in a written instrument, under Subsection [58-9-602\(1\)](#), as
50 having the right and duty to control the disposition of the decedent, if the person voluntarily
51 acts as the dispositioner; or

52 (b) the next of kin of the decedent, if:

53 (i) (A) a person has not been designated as described in Subsection [~~(7)~~] (6)(a); or

54 (B) the person described in Subsection [~~(7)~~] (6)(a) is unable or unwilling to exercise
55 the right and duty described in Subsection [~~(7)~~] (6)(a); and

56 (ii) the next of kin voluntarily acts as the dispositioner.

57 [~~(8)~~] (7) "File" means the submission of a completed certificate or other similar

58 document, record, or report as provided under this chapter for registration by the state registrar
59 or a local registrar.

60 ~~[(9)]~~ (8) "Funeral service director" means the same as that term is defined in Section
61 [58-9-102](#).

62 ~~[(10)]~~ (9) "Health care facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section
63 [26-21-2](#).

64 ~~[(11)]~~ (10) "Health care professional" means a physician, physician assistant, or nurse
65 practitioner.

66 ~~[(12)]~~ (11) "Licensed funeral establishment" means a funeral service establishment, as
67 defined in Section [58-9-102](#), that is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 9, Funeral Services
68 Licensing Act.

69 ~~[(13)]~~ (12) "Live birth" means the birth of a child who shows evidence of life after the
70 child is entirely outside of the mother.

71 ~~[(14)]~~ (13) "Local registrar" means a person appointed under Subsection [26-2-3\(3\)\(b\)](#).

72 ~~[(15)]~~ (14) "Nurse practitioner" means an ~~[advanced practice registered nurse~~
73 ~~specializing as a nurse practitioner]~~ individual who:

74 (a) is licensed to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse under Title 58,
75 Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act; and

76 (b) has completed an education program regarding the completion of a certificate of
77 death developed by the department by administrative rule ~~[adopted]~~ made in accordance with
78 Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

79 ~~[(16)]~~ (15) "Office" means the Office of Vital Records and Statistics within the
80 Department of Health, operating under Title 26, Chapter 2, Utah Vital Statistics Act.

81 ~~[(17)]~~ (16) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice as a physician or osteopath
82 in this state under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68,
83 Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

84 (17) "Physician assistant" means an individual who:

85 (a) is licensed to practice as a physician assistant under Title 58, Chapter 70a,

86 Physician Assistant Act; and

87 (b) has completed an education program regarding the completion of a certificate of
88 death developed by the department by administrative rule made in accordance with Title 63G,
89 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

90 (18) "Presumed father" means the father of a child conceived or born during a marriage
91 as defined in Section 30-1-17.2.

92 (19) "Registration" or "register" means acceptance by the local or state registrar of a
93 certificate and incorporation of the certificate into the permanent records of the state.

94 (20) "State registrar" means the state registrar of vital records appointed under
95 Subsection 26-2-3(2)(e).

96 (21) "Vital records" means:

97 (a) registered certificates or reports of birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce,
98 dissolution of marriage, or annulment;

99 (b) amendments to any of the registered certificates or reports described in Subsection
100 (21)(a);

101 (c) an adoption document; and

102 (d) other similar documents.

103 (22) "Vital statistics" means the data derived from registered certificates and reports of
104 birth, death, fetal death, induced termination of pregnancy, marriage, divorce, dissolution of
105 marriage, or annulment.