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Title 35: Health & Safety – Pennsylvania Statute

§450.502 – Death & Fetal Death Registration: Information for Certificates

In preparing a certificate of death or fetal death, the person in charge of interment or of removal of a dead body or fetal remains from the registration district shall obtain the required information. The following persons shall supply the information certified by their respective signatures:

- (1) Personal information concerning the deceased or the fetal death shall be supplied by the person best acquainted with the facts.
- (2) Subject to the limitation contained in clause (3), the medical certification, except in the event of a referral to the coroner pursuant to section five hundred three of this act, shall be supplied (i) in the case of a death, by the physician or (ii) dentist who is a staff member of an approved hospital who attended the deceased during the last illness, provided the death occurs in the hospital and the deceased had been admitted on the dental service, and (iii) in the case of a fetal death, by the attending physician.
- (3) In all cases where the physician or dentist who would otherwise supply the medical certification is a member of the immediate family of the deceased, the case shall be referred to another physician or dentist who qualifies under clause (2) for a medical certification. In the event a qualified alternate physician or dentist is unavailable or unwilling to provide the medical certification require by law, the case shall be referred to the coroner of the county wherein the death occurred or to a coroner of an adjacent county. In no event shall a coroner sign a certificate of death or fetal death for a deceased who was a member of his immediate family.



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