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TO

Amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 to provide that parents may register the death of a child stillborn before the threshold of 24 weeks gestation.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Amendment of the Births and Death Registration Act 1953**

(1) Section 41(1) of the Births and Death Registration Act 1953 is amended as follows.

(2) Leave out the definition of “still-born child” and insert—

““still-born child” means a child which has issued forth from its mother and which did not at any time breathe or show any other signs of life, following the recognised processes of labour including regular, painful uterine contractions resulting in progressive cervical effacement and dilation; and the expression “still-birth” shall be construed accordingly.”

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**2 Short title and commencement**

(1) This Act may be cited as the Registration of Stillbirths Act 2014.

(2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.

# Registration of Stillbirths Bill

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