

Birth Certificate After Stillbirth

We extend our deepest sympathy to you during this difficult time on behalf of the Gifts from Liam team. We know how hard this journey can be, and our hearts are with you. This notice informs you that you can request a birth certificate to honor your precious baby, which recognizes their birth and you as their parent(s).

We understand that this experience can be overwhelming and emotional. Please be gentle with yourself as you navigate this process, and know that you are not alone. There is no need to make a decision right away. **You can request this birth certificate for your baby at any time in the future.**

What is a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth?

Like a birth certificate for a live birth, this document is an official legal record of your child's birth issued by the State of Illinois. A certificate of birth after a stillbirth is the same format as a certificate of birth after a live birth. Your baby's birth certificate will have your child's name, birth date, parents' information, and other details.

How to Request a Certificate of Birth:

- ☒ Fill out the form for a "Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth" on the back of this page or download it from: giftsfromliam.org/advocacy.
- ☐ Make a photocopy of your ID to send with the completed form
- ☐ Include a check or money order made out to the "Illinois Department of Public Health" for \$15 **plus** \$2 for each additional certificate ordered at the same time*
- ☐ Mail your (1) completed form, (2) copy of your ID, and (3) payment to the address shown on the envelope to the right →

Who is Liam and What is Liam's Law?

Liam died and was stillborn in Illinois in 2016 at 40 weeks of pregnancy. After his birth, his mother was not informed of her right to request a Certificate of Stillbirth—a right that had existed in IL since 2003. Instead, she was told it didn't exist and was only given a fetal death certificate, leaving her without official recognition of her son's birth.

Liam's story became the foundation for change. Through years of advocacy by his mother and the Gifts from Liam team, Liam's Law was passed in Illinois in 2024. The law ensures that all families who experience a stillbirth are made aware of this opportunity to honor their baby.



write your
name & address

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here

Illinois Department of Public Health
Division of Vital Records
925 E Ridgley Ave.
Springfield, IL 62702-2737

***Financial help** for the costs of the certificate may be available. Ask your hospital about help, or contact Gifts from Liam for help accessing a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth at finaid@giftsfromliam.org.



State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health

Application for Illinois Certificate of Birth
Resulting in Stillbirth

Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth Fees

\$15.00 for one certified copy

+ \$2.00 for each additional copy

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ total copies

DO NOT SEND CASH – Make check of money order payable to **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Section A. Infant's Birth Information

INFANT'S FULL LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last) as listed on Fetal Death Certificate

INFANT'S DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)

INFANT'S SEX AT BIRTH (M/F)

**PLACE
OF BIRTH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL (if birth did not occur at an institution, street address)

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Illinois (IL)

COUNTY

MOTHER/CO-PARENT'S CURRENT LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last)

MOTHER/CO-PARENT'S NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE (First, Middle, Last)

FATHER/CO-PARENT'S CURRENT LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last)

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Section B. Applicant's Information

NAME (First, Middle, Last)

DRIVER'S LICENSE or STATE ID CARD NUMBER (photocopy enclosed)

ISSUING STATE

STREET ADDRESS (for mailing requested records)

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

ZIP CODE

ARE YOU A PARENT NAMED ON THE INFANT'S FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATE?

☐ Yes

☐ No

I AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY, THAT THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE ON THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Applicant Signature

Date

Allow at least 12 weeks to receive your document(s). Email dph.vitals@illinois.gov with questions

Acta de Nacimiento Tras Nacimiento Sin Vida

De parte del equipo de Gifts from Liam, les damos nuestro más sentido pésame en este momento tan difícil. Sabemos lo difícil que puede ser este camino, y nuestros corazones están con ustedes. Este aviso les informa de que pueden solicitar un certificado de nacimiento en honor a su precioso bebé que reconoce su nacimiento y a ustedes como sus padres.

Entendemos que esta experiencia puede ser abrumadora y muy emocional. Por favor, sea amable contigo misma mientras navegas por este proceso, y sepa que no estás sola. No es necesario tomar una decisión inmediatamente. **Puedes solicitar este certificado de nacimiento para tu bebé en cualquier momento en el futuro.**

¿Qué es un Acta de Nacimiento para un Bebé Nacido Muerto?

Al igual que el certificado de nacimiento de un bebé nacido vivo, este documento es un registro legal oficial del nacimiento de tu hijo emitido por el Estado de Illinois. Un acta de nacimiento después del parto de un bebé muerto tiene el mismo formato que un acta de nacimiento después del parto de un bebé vivo. El certificado de nacimiento de tu bebé tendrá el nombre de tu hijo, la fecha de nacimiento, la información de los padres y otros detalles.

¿Cómo Solicitar un Certificado al Estado de Illinois?

- ☒ Completa el formulario que aparece en el reverso de esta página o descárgala de: giftsfromliam.org/advocacy.
- ☐ Haz una fotocopia de tu ID para enviarla con el formulario completado
- ☐ Incluye un cheque o cheque prepago a nombre de "Illinois Department of Public Health" por \$15 **más** \$2 por cada certificado adicional solicitado al mismo tiempo*
- ☐ Envíe por correo (1) el formulario completado, (2) copia de tu ID, y (3) el pago a la dirección que aparece en el sobre a la derecha →

¿Quién es Liam y Qué es la Ley de Liam?

Liam murió y nació muerto en Illinois en 2016 a las 40 semanas de embarazo. Tras su nacimiento, su madre no fue informada de su derecho a solicitar un acta de nacimiento, un derecho que existía en Illinois desde 2003. Al contrario, le dijeron que no existía y solo le dieron un certificado de muerte fetal, dejándola sin reconocimiento oficial del nacimiento de su hijo.

La historia de Liam se convirtió en la fundación del cambio. Tras años de abogacía por parte de su madre y del equipo de Gifts from Liam, la Ley de Liam se aprobó en Illinois en 2024. La ley garantiza que todas las familias que sufren el nacimiento de su bebé sin vida conozcan esta oportunidad de honrar a su hijo.



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***Ayuda financiera** para los costos del certificado puede estar disponible. Pregunta en tu hospital sobre la ayuda, o ponte en contacto con Gifts from Liam para recibir ayuda para obtener un acta de nacimiento después del nacimiento de un bebé muerto en finaid@giftsfromliam.org.



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