

# SENATE BILL No. 358

April 1, 2003, Introduced by Senators GEORGE, TOY, PATTERSON, KUIPERS,  
HAMMERSTROM, GOSCHKA, OLSHOVE, GARCIA, JACOBS, THOMAS, ALLEN  
and PRUSI and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 2811 (MCL 333.2811), as amended by 1998 PA  
332.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 2811. (1) The department shall prescribe the form and  
2 content of vital records and certificates, which shall conform as  
3 nearly as possible to recognized national standardized forms  
4 including, as required to comply with federal law, requirements  
5 for the entry of social security numbers.

6       (2) Within 45 days after the effective date of the amendatory  
7 act that added this subsection, the department shall revise the  
8 certificate of death form to include each of the following  
9 questions:

10       (a) Did the deceased have diabetes?

1           (b) If yes, was diabetes an immediate, underlying, or  
2 contributing cause of or contributing factor to the cause of  
3 death?

4           (c) Did the deceased use tobacco?

5           (d) If yes, was tobacco an immediate, underlying, or  
6 contributing cause of or contributing factor to the cause of  
7 death?

8           (e) What was the highest degree or level of school completed  
9 by the decedent at the time of his or her death?

10          (3) A certificate of death that is filed without answers to  
11 the questions described in subsection (2) is incomplete or  
12 unsatisfactory.