

1        **AN ACT** *to create* 69.02 (2) (c) and 69.14 (1) (i) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
 2                    designation of an infant’s race on the birth certificate.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on Infant Mortality.

Under current law, an infant’s race or ethnicity is not required to appear on the infant’s birth certificate. This draft specifies that a birth certificate must include the race or ethnicity of the infant, as reported by the infant’s mother.

The draft also requires the Department of Health Services to promulgate administrative rules to establish the designations of race and ethnicity to be used on birth certificates and procedures to be followed to ensure that the designation recorded on a birth certificate is that directly reported by an infant’s mother. The designations of race or ethnicity must be sufficiently detailed to enable data collection on births and birth outcomes among all significant racial and ethnic populations in the state and to assist in the development and evaluation of the efficacy of programs and policies designed to improve birth outcomes.

3                    **SECTION 1.** 69.02 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:  
 4                    69.02 (2) (c) The department shall promulgate administrative rules establishing racial  
 5                    designations of race and ethnicity to be used in reporting the race or ethnicity of a registrant  
 6                    under s. 69.14 (1) (i). The designations shall be sufficiently detailed to enable compilation and  
 7                    analysis of data related to births and birth outcomes among all significant racial and ethnic  
 8                    populations in the state and to assist in the design and evaluation of programs and policies  
 9                    designed to improve birth outcomes. The rules shall also establish procedures designed to  
 10                    ensure that the racial or ethnic designations included on each certificate of birth accurately  
 11                    reflects the race or ethnicity of the registrant as directly reported by the registrant’s mother.

1           **SECTION 2.** 69.14 (1) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

2           69.14 **(1)** (i) *Registrant's race.* A certificate of birth shall include the race of the  
3 registrant, as reported by the mother of the registrant.

4   **(END)**