

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1025

By: Representative Watson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF
CORONERS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TRAINING
OF CORONERS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-15-308(d)(1)(A), concerning training and instruction of coroners, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1)(A) Within one (1) year of beginning employment as a deputy coroner, a person employed as a deputy coroner after January 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, shall complete the training required under this section and obtain a certificate under subdivision (b)(1) of this section or present a certificate from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that due to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, coroners have devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort to prepare and respond to the pandemic; that the ability of a coroner to complete the training required under current law is severely hampered due to pandemic-related time constraints and cancellations of trainings; and that this act is immediately necessary because an extension of time will allow coroners to complete required training. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of



the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

APPROVED: 2/4/21