

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1568

By: Representative Childress

By: Senator K. Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION; TO AMEND THE LAW REQUIRING A POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION WHEN A DEATH IS BY APPARENT DRUG, ALCOHOL, OR POISON TOXICITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND POSTMORTEM EXAMINATIONS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW REQUIRING A POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION WHEN A DEATH IS BY APPARENT DRUG, ALCOHOL, OR POISON TOXICITY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-318(a)(3)(B), concerning postmortem examinations, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) The county coroner having jurisdiction where a death occurs shall submit a decedent to the State Crime Laboratory for a postmortem examination when the death is by apparent drug, alcohol, or poison toxicity, unless ~~a significant interval passed while~~ the person was hospitalized and hospital evaluation is available for review.

(ii) As used in subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i) of this section, "hospitalized" means admitted to a hospital for inpatient treatment.

/s/Childress



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