

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1570

By: Representative Childress

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF
NARCOTIC DRUGS OF A DECEDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
DISPOSITION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF A
DECEDENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-15-306 is amended to read as follows:

14-15-306. Disposition of ~~prescription medication~~ narcotic drugs.

(a)(1) A coroner ~~may~~ shall collect and secure any ~~prescription medication~~ narcotic drug of the decedent to ensure that the medication does not come into the possession of a person who might use the medication in an illegal or harmful manner.

(2) A law enforcement officer may collect and secure any narcotic drug of the decedent to ensure that the medication does not come into the possession of a person who might use the medication in an illegal or harmful manner.

(b) Collected ~~medication~~ narcotic drugs shall be disposed of under circuit court order or shall be forwarded to the Department of Health within thirty (30) days for proper destruction under § 20-64-214.

(c) This section shall not apply to any prescription medication in the custody or possession of an institutional healthcare provider or attending hospice nurse that is subject to other laws, rules, and regulations governing the destruction or disposition of patient or resident medication.



(d) As used in this section, "narcotic drug" means the same as defined in § 20-64-201.