

HOUSE BILL No. 4555

March 13, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Bennane, Gubow, Gire, Byrum, Hunter, Rocca, McNutt, Yokich, Bandstra, Brackenridge, Dolan, Palamara, Hertel, Dobronski and Stallworth and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

A bill to amend section 2 of Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1953, entitled as amended

"An act relative to investigations in certain instances of the causes of death within this state due to violence, negligence or other act or omission of a criminal nature or to protect public health; to provide for the taking of statements from injured persons under certain circumstances; to abolish the office of coroner and to create the office of county medical examiner in certain counties; to prescribe the powers and duties of county medical examiners; to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act; and to prescribe a referendum thereon,"

being section 52.202 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of
2 1953, being section 52.202 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2. (1) ~~County~~ A COUNTY medical ~~examiners~~ EXAMINER
5 or deputy county medical ~~examiners~~ EXAMINER shall ~~make~~
- 6 ~~investigations as to~~ INVESTIGATE the cause and manner of death

1 in ~~all~~ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING cases: ~~of persons who have come~~
2 ~~to their death~~

3 (A) THE CASE OF A PERSON WHO HAS DIED by violence. ~~, or~~

4 (B) THE CASE OF A PERSON whose death was unexpected. ~~, or~~

5 (C) THE CASE OF A PERSON WHO HAS DIED without medical
6 attendance during the 48 hours ~~prior to~~ IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
7 the hour of death, unless the attending physician, if any, is
8 able to determine accurately the cause of death. ~~, or~~

9 (D) THE CASE OF A PERSON WHO HAS DIED as the result of an
10 abortion, whether self-induced or otherwise.

11 (E) THE CASE OF A PERSON UNDER 2 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAS DIED
12 SUDDENLY, FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES.

13 (2) If ~~any~~ A prisoner in ~~any~~ A county or city jail dies
14 while ~~so~~ imprisoned, the county medical examiner, upon being
15 notified of the death of the prisoner, shall ~~make an examination~~
16 ~~upon~~ EXAMINE the body of the deceased prisoner.

17 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1), IN
18 THE CASE OF A DEATH DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(E), THE COUNTY
19 MEDICAL EXAMINER OR DEPUTY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL DO ALL
20 OF THE FOLLOWING IN A TIMELY MANNER:

21 (A) NOTIFY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OR CITY
22 IN WHICH THE DEATH OCCURRED OR THE STATE POLICE.

23 (B) CONDUCT, AS PART OF THE INVESTIGATION REQUIRED UNDER
24 SUBSECTION (1), AN INVESTIGATION OF THE HEALTH HISTORIES OF BOTH
25 THE DECEASED AND THE MOTHER OF THE DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PRENA-
26 TAL HISTORY CONSIDERED RELEVANT BY THE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER OR
27 DEPUTY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

1 (C) IF THE PLACE OF DEATH IS OTHER THAN A HEALTH FACILITY,
2 CONDUCT, AS PART OF THE INVESTIGATION REQUIRED UNDER
3 SUBSECTION (1), AN INVESTIGATION OF THE PLACE OF DEATH, AS DETER-
4 MINED BY THE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER OR DEPUTY COUNTY MEDICAL
5 EXAMINER.

6 (4) THE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER OR DEPUTY COUNTY MEDICAL
7 EXAMINER SHALL COMPILE A WRITTEN REPORT FOR EACH INVESTIGATION
8 CONDUCTED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (1)(E) AND (3). THE COUNTY MEDICAL
9 EXAMINER OR DEPUTY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL TRANSMIT A COPY
10 OF THE REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

11 (5) A COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, DEPUTY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMIN-
12 ER, OR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CON-
13 TRACT TO A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHO HAS SPECIALIZED TRAINING
14 IN SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME SHALL CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION
15 UNDER SUBSECTION (3). A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY MED-
16 ICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE, OR THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONDUCT THE TRAIN-
17 ING ON SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME REQUIRED UNDER THIS
18 SUBSECTION.