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FIRE DEATH AUTOPSIES

House Bill 5238

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5238 AS INTRODUCED 10-7-98

The bill would amend Public Act 181 of 1953, which regulates the investigations of suspicious deaths by county medical examiners, to require a county medical examiner or his or her designee to investigate the case of a person who has died in a fire and to perform an autopsy on that person. Currently, the act requires written documentation of an autopsy. The bill would specify that the person who had performed the autopsy would be the one to have to put the required information in writing. Further, the bill would add a death at the scene of a fire to the list of types of deaths that must be reported immediately to the county medical examiner or his or her deputy.

MCL 52.202, 52.203, and 52.205

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