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House Bill 5225

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Condino

Committee: Health Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5225 AS INTRODUCED 11-4-03

The bill would amend Public Act 181 of 1953, which pertains to investigations of deaths under certain circumstances, to empower deputy county medical examiners with the same powers as county medical examiners with regard to autopsies in cases of sudden infant death and other instances where a child under two years of age is found dead without a known cause. In addition, the bill would require the Department of Community Health to promulgate rules and regulations to promote consistency and accuracy among county medical examiners and deputy county medical examiners in determining the cause of death in these instances.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Implementation of the bill would have modest cost implications related to the Department of Community Health's staff time to determine, maintain, and publicize appropriate rules and costs related to the formal rule-promulgation process.

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