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Senate Bill 724 (Substitute S-2 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Tom George  
Committee: Health Policy

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 181 of 1953, which governs county medical examiners, to revise the conditions under which a county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner must conduct an investigation into the cause and manner of death in the case of an individual under home hospice care.

The Act requires a county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner to investigate the cause and manner of death of an individual who dies without medical attendance during the 48 hours immediately preceding the time of death, unless the attending physician is able to determine accurately the time of death. The bill would refer to an individual who died without medical attendance by a physician. If an individual died while under home hospice care and had not received medical attendance by a physician or a registered nurse during the immediately preceding 48 hours, an investigation would be required unless the attending physician was able to determine the time of death.

For this purpose, the bill would define "home hospice care" as a program of planned and continuous hospice care provided by a hospice or a hospice residence that consisted of a coordinated set of services rendered to an individual at his or her home on a continuous basis for a disease or condition with a terminal prognosis.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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