

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1088

Introduced by Aguilar, 35

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 5. Section 23-1824, Revised Statutes Cumulative
3 Supplement, 2004, is amended to read:

4 23-1824 (1) The county coroner or coroner's physician
5 shall perform, at county expense, an autopsy on any person less
6 than nineteen years of age who dies a sudden death, except that
7 no autopsy needs to be performed if (a) the death was caused by a
8 readily recognizable disease or the death occurred due to trauma
9 resulting from an accident and (b) the death did not occur under
10 suspicious circumstances. The autopsy shall be based on standards
11 developed by the Attorney General by January 1, 2007.

12 (2) The county coroner or coroner's physician shall
13 attempt to establish, by a reasonable degree of medical certainty,
14 the cause or causes of the death, and shall thereafter certify
15 the cause or causes of death to the county attorney. No cause of
16 death shall be certified as sudden infant death syndrome unless an
17 autopsy, a death scene investigation, and a review of the child's
18 medical history reveal no other possible cause.

19 (3) A county may request reimbursement of up to fifty
20 percent of the cost of an autopsy from the Attorney General.
21 Reimbursement requests may include, but not be limited to, costs
22 for expert witnesses and complete autopsies, including toxicology
23 screens and tissue sample tests. The Attorney General shall place

- 1 an emphasis on autopsies of children five years of age and younger.
- 2 2. On page 6, line 12, after the comma insert "and
- 3 section 23-1824, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2004,".
- 4 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.