

SENATE CHAMBER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION BY SENATE

FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend House Bill No. 2762, Page 2, Line 3 1/2,

as follows:

By inserting a new SECTION 2 to read as follows, by renumbering subsequent sections:

“SECTION 2 AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 938, is amended to read as follows:

Section 938. A. All human deaths of the types listed herein shall be investigated as provided by law:

1. Violent deaths, whether apparently homicidal, suicidal, or accidental, including but not limited to, deaths due to thermal, chemical, electrical, or radiational injury, and deaths due to criminal abortion, whether apparently self-induced or not;

2. Deaths under suspicious, unusual or unnatural circumstances;

3. Deaths related to disease which might constitute a threat to public health;

4. Deaths unattended by a licensed medical or osteopathic physician for a fatal or potentially-fatal illness;

5. Deaths of persons after unexplained coma;

6. Deaths that are medically unexpected and that occur in the course of a therapeutic procedure;

7. Deaths of persons under the age of twenty-one (21) under circumstances that appear to be due to consumption of any intoxicating substance;

8. Deaths of any inmates occurring in any place of penal incarceration; and

~~8-9.~~ Deaths of persons whose bodies are to be cremated, buried at sea, transported out of the state, or otherwise made ultimately unavailable for pathological study.

B. No autopsy shall be performed on the body of an executed inmate unless requested by the immediate family of the inmate prior to the execution or unless directed by the Department of Corrections or the Chief Medical Examiner. The Chief Medical Examiner shall not automatically authorize or perform an autopsy in conjunction with an investigation of death of an inmate that resulted from a scheduled execution due to a death sentence imposed pursuant to Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Chief Medical Examiner may authorize or perform such an autopsy only when the public interest requires it. The provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit an inmate from donating, in writing, his or her body to a teaching medical institution for scientific or research purposes.

C. The Chief Medical Examiner shall state on the certificate of death of all persons whose death was caused by execution pursuant to a lawful court order that the cause of death was the execution of such order.”

2. On Page 1 by restoring the title and amending to conform

Submitted by:

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