

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1629

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
7 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-317, which relates to death  
8 certificates; requiring funeral director to send  
9 death certificate to the State Election Board;  
10 modifying who may sign a medical certification; and  
11 providing an effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-317, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-317. ~~(a)~~ A. A death certificate for each death which  
16 occurs in this state shall be filed either written or electronically  
17 with the local registrar of the district in which the death  
18 occurred, within three (3) days after such death and prior to burial  
19 or removal of the body; provided that~~7~~:

20 ~~(1) —if~~ 1. If the place of death is unknown, a death  
21 certificate shall be filed either written or electronically in the  
22 registration district in which a dead body is found, within three  
23 (3) days after such occurrence; and  
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1       ~~(2)~~ if 2. If death occurs in a moving conveyance, a death  
2 certificate shall be filed either written or electronically in the  
3 registration district in which the dead body was first removed from  
4 such conveyance.

5       ~~(b)~~ B. The funeral director or person acting as such who first  
6 assumes custody of a dead body shall file the death certificate and  
7 send a certified copy of the death certificate to the State Election  
8 Board. ~~He~~ The funeral director shall obtain the personal data from  
9 the next of kin or the best qualified person or source available.  
10 ~~He~~ The funeral director shall complete the certificate as to  
11 personal data and deliver the certificate to the attending physician  
12 or the medical examiner responsible for completing the medical  
13 certification portion of the certificate of death within twenty-four  
14 (24) hours after the death.

15       ~~(c)~~ C. The medical certification shall be completed and signed  
16 within forty-eight (48) hours ~~after~~ of notification of death by the  
17 physician in charge of the patient's care, attending physician,  
18 primary care physician, or emergency room physician in cases of  
19 emergency for the illness or condition which resulted in death,  
20 except when inquiry as to the cause of death is required by Section  
21 938 of this title.

22       ~~(d)~~ D. In the event that the physician in charge of the  
23 patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death  
24 is not in attendance at the time of death, the medical certification

1 shall be completed and signed within forty-eight (48) hours ~~after~~ of  
2 notification of death by the physician in attendance or emergency  
3 room physician in cases of emergency at the time of death, except  
4 when inquiry as to the cause of death is required by Section 938 of  
5 this title. Provided that such certification, if signed by any  
6 other physician, other than the attending physician, shall note on  
7 the face the name of the attending physician and that the  
8 information shown is only as reported.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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