

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1147

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to death certificate information;
8 amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-317, which relates
9 to filing of certificates; requiring certain
information to be entered into certain system by
certain date; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-317, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-317. ~~(a)~~ A. A death certificate for each death
16 which occurs in this state shall be filed with the State Department
17 of Health, within three (3) days after such death.

18 ~~(b)~~ B. The funeral director shall personally sign the death
19 certificate and shall be responsible for filing the death
20 certificate. If the funeral director is not available, the person
21 acting as such who first assumes custody of a dead body in
22 accordance with Section 1158 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes
23 shall personally sign and file the death certificate. The personal
24 data shall be obtained from the next of kin or the best qualified

1 person or source available. The certificate shall be completed as
2 to personal data and delivered to the attending physician or the
3 medical examiner responsible for completing the medical
4 certification portion of the certificate of death within twenty-four
5 (24) hours after the death. No later than July 1, 2012, the
6 personal data shall be entered into the prescribed electronic system
7 provided by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and the
8 information submitted to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.
9 The resultant certificate produced by the electronic system shall be
10 provided to the physician or medical examiner for medical
11 certification within twenty-four (24) hours after the death.

12 ~~(e)~~ C. The medical certification shall be completed and signed
13 within forty-eight (48) hours after death by the physician in charge
14 of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in
15 death, except when inquiry as to the cause of death is required by
16 Section 938 of this title. No later than July 1, 2017, the medical
17 certification portion of certificate data shall be entered into the
18 prescribed electronic system provided by the State Registrar of
19 Vital Statistics and the information submitted to the State
20 Registrar of Vital Statistics.

21 ~~(d)~~ D. In the event that the physician in charge of the
22 patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death
23 is not in attendance at the time of death, the medical certification
24 shall be completed and signed within forty-eight (48) hours after

1 death by the physician in attendance at the time of death, except
2 when inquiry as to the cause of death is required by Section 938 of
3 this title. Provided that such certification, if signed by other
4 than the attending physician, shall note on the face the name of the
5 attending physician and that the information shown is only as
6 reported.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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