

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 707 increases the period a death certificate must be filed with the State Department of Health from 3 calendar days to 6 calendar days after death. Additionally, the period to complete the medical certification is increased from 48 hours to 5 calendar days after receipt of the death certificate. The measure provides that the physician, nurse, or physician assistant that completed the certification shall not be liable in a civil action to recover damages for any acts or omissions relating to the medical certification if the cause of death is determined in good faith using the individual's best clinical judgment consistent with current guidance provided by the applicable licensing board. The measure also requires copies of medicolegal investigative reports to be furnished to the person legally entitled to the custody of the body of the deceased, or his or her representative upon the release of the body. The written notice shall contain the contact information of a family assistance coordinator. The measure directs the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to create a process to allow the person legally entitled to the custody of a body, or his or her representative, to ask questions of, and receive responses from, a family assistance coordinator regarding the medicolegal investigation.

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