

Amendment No. 72

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 118

(BDR 40-747)

Proposed by: Committee on Judiciary**Amendment Box:****Resolves Conflicts with:** N/A**Amends:** Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN a 2/3s majority vote requirement for final passage of SB118 (§§ 1, 3).

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Amend section 1, page 2, by deleting line 6 and inserting:

*“county coroner created pursuant to NRS 244.163.”.*Amend section 1, page 2, line 9, by deleting “*an*” and inserting “*the*”.Amend sec. 4, page 4, line 13, after “of” by inserting “*the*”.Amend sec. 5, page 4, line 35, by deleting “*by ordinance*”.Amend sec. 5, page 5, line 3, by deleting “*The*” and inserting:*“Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, the”.*Amend sec. 5, page 5, line 9, by deleting “*and*”.

Amend sec. 5, page 5, by deleting line 10 and inserting:

“(c) Training an ex officio coroner and his deputies on the investigation of deaths; and

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(d) The purchase of specialized equipment for the office of the county”.

Amend sec. 5, page 5, by deleting lines 12 and 13 and inserting:

“6. Any money remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year does not revert to the county general fund and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

7. Before the end of each fiscal year:

(a) The board of county commissioners of each county that constitutes a coroner’s district pursuant to NRS 259.010 shall designate the office of a county coroner created pursuant to NRS 244.163 to receive the money in the account.

(b) The county treasurer of each county that constitutes a coroner’s district pursuant to NRS 259.010 shall transfer all money in the account to the county treasurer of the county in which the office of the county coroner designated pursuant to paragraph (a) is established.

(c) The county treasurer of the county in which the office of the county coroner designated pursuant to paragraph (a) is established shall:

(1) Deposit all the money received pursuant to paragraph (b) into the account created in that county pursuant to subsection 1; and

(2) Account for the money received from each county in separate subaccounts.

8. The office of the county coroner designated to receive money pursuant to subsection 7 may only use the money in each subaccount and any interest attributable to that money to pay expenses which are incurred in the county from which the money was transferred and which relate to the training of an ex officio coroner and his deputies on the investigation of deaths.”.

Amend sec. 7, page 6, line 15, after “2.” by inserting:

“Any copy of a prescription for a controlled substance or a dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS that is issued to a county coroner, medical examiner or investigator employed by an office of a county coroner must be limited to a copy of the prescription filled or on file for:

(a) The person whose name is on the container of the controlled substance or dangerous drug that is found on or near the body of a deceased person; or

(b) The deceased person whose cause of death is being determined.

3.”.

Amend sec. 7, page 6, line 22, by deleting “3.” and inserting “~~{3.}~~ 4.”.

Amend sec. 7, page 6, line 27, by deleting “4.” and inserting “~~{4.}~~ 5.”.

Amend sec. 7, page 6, line 34, by deleting “5.” and inserting “~~{5.}~~ 6.”.

Amend the title of the bill, third line, by deleting “coroners” and inserting “coroners;”.

**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative
Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:**

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and Clark County and Washoe County District Health Officers may issue certified copies of death certificates. (NRS 440.650; NAC 440.070) Existing law establishes a fee of \$10 for certified copies issued by the State Registrar. (NRS 440.700)

This bill provides for an additional \$1 fee to be charged for a certified copy of a death certificate issued by a district health officer. In addition, this bill increases by \$1 the fee charged for a certified copy of a death certificate issued by the State Registrar. This bill further requires that the money collected from these fees be remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the certificate originates for deposit to a separate account created in the county general fund. In a county in which the office of the county coroner is created by ordinance, the money in the account must be used by the county coroner to support youth programs, train staff and purchase equipment. In a county that constitutes a coroner's district, the money in the account must be transferred to a county in which the office of the county coroner is created by ordinance and must be used to pay training expenses in the county from which the money was transferred. Any money remaining in the account at the end of each fiscal year does not revert to the county general fund and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Under existing law, a pharmacist may only divulge the contents or provide a copy of a prescription under limited circumstances. (NRS 639.238)

This bill authorizes a pharmacist to release the contents of a prescription to a county coroner, medical examiner or investigator employed by a county coroner in order to identify a deceased person, determine cause of death or perform other authorized duties.

Existing law authorizes a juvenile court to establish a county coroner visitation program. The program must include a visit to the office of the county coroner and a course that instructs the child on the consequences of his actions and creates an awareness of his mortality. (NRS 62E.720) Under existing law, the program is set to expire on October 1, 2005. (Section 384 of Chapter 206, Statutes of Nevada 2003, at page 1162)

This bill repeals the expiration of that provision thereby continuing the county coroner visitation program.