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Present law requires that if the cremation of a body is requested, the funeral director immediately notify the coroner who has jurisdiction in the death.

Present law requires that after the necessary investigation, the coroner issue a permit for cremation if he is satisfied that there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death.

Present law requires that the coroner deny the permit if the investigation reveals suspicious circumstances or the reasonable probability of the commission of a crime.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes that in instances where the investigation reveals suspicious circumstances or the reasonable probability of the commission of a crime, the coroner to issue a permit for cremation after the coroner's investigation is complete.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 13:5716)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Changes from mandatory to permissive that the coroner issue a permit for cremation after the investigation is complete.