SENATE BILL NO. 81

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BY SENATOR CLAITOR

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 13:3734(H), relative to coroners; to provide relative to coroners
3	investigations; to provide relative to certain biological fluids or samples; to provide
4	relative to the release of biological fluids or samples to coroners; to provide relative
5	to custodians of records; to provide relative to liability; to provide for exceptions
6	and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 13:3734(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§3734. Privileged communication between health care provider and patient
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11	H. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when

conducting any investigation, the coroner or his authorized agents or employees may obtain any blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples which he deems relevant to the investigation, the records of which would otherwise be available to the coroner pursuant to Subsection F of this Section. Such blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples may be made available to him by the custodian thereof without the necessity of authorization, subpoena, or court order. No health care provider, custodian of records, or officer, employee, or agent thereof shall be held civilly or criminally liable for the release of a deceased patient's blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples, including

1	any communication	defined herein, when that disclosure is made pursuant to
2	a request by the coroner or his authorized agents or employees.	
		PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
		SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
		GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
AF	PPROVED:	<u> </u>

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