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HOUSE BILL NO. 396

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

EVIDENCE: Provides relative to the admissibility of autopsy photographs in first or second degree murder trials

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Evidence Article 416, relative to autopsy photographs as evidence; to
3 provide for the admissibility of such evidence in certain criminal proceedings; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Evidence Article 416 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 Art. 416. Autopsy photographs

8 A photograph of an autopsy conducted by a coroner pursuant to R.S. 13:5713
9 shall be admissible in any criminal proceeding that alleges a violation of R.S. 14:30
10 or 30.1.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the admissibility of autopsy photographs in first or second degree murder trials.

Proposed law provides that a photograph of an autopsy conducted by a coroner is admissible in any criminal proceeding that alleges a violation of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) or second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1).

(Adds C.E. Art. 416)