

SENATE BILL NO. 216

BY SENATOR WHEAT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:111(B), relative to medical pronouncement of death; to provide
3 relative to the information received from certain authorized personnel; to provide
4 relative to licensed practical nurses; to authorize a coroner to make a medical
5 pronouncement of death based on information received from licensed practical
6 nurses in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 9:111(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §111. Definition of death

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11 B. The medical pronouncement of death by a coroner may also be based on
12 personal observation, information, or statements obtained from coroner investigators,
13 registered nurses, **licensed practical nurses**, physician assistants, or emergency
14 medical technicians at the scene who are reporting from firsthand observation of the
15 physical condition of the deceased. The time of death shall be reported as the time
16 that the death was reported or discovered. The name of the personnel that the coroner
17 is relying on shall be noted on the coroner's investigative report.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____