

ACT No. 727

HOUSE BILL NO. 1253 (Substitute for House Bill No. 454 by Representative Butler)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BUTLER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, BOYER, BROUSSARD, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EGAN, FISHER, FREIBERG, GEYMANN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, JORDAN, KERNER, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MARTINEZ, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WYBLE, AND YOUNG AND SENATORS BARROW, BASS, CLOUD, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, AND PRESSLY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:19(E)(4), relative to the treatment of human remains; to
3 provide for death investigation documentation requirements for human remains and
4 internal organs; to provide for the content of autopsy reports in accounting for the
5 treatment of human remains; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 44:19(E)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §19. Records of a coroner; autopsy photographs, video, and other visual images

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11 E. Coroner death investigation documents shall include the following:

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13 (4) A post-mortem forensic medical examination report, referred to as the
14 "autopsy report", may include an external examination only, an external examination
15 with toxicology, toxicology only, or an autopsy with supporting laboratory
16 evaluation. The post-mortem forensic medical examination report is a document that
17 is the work product of the coroner that contains the name of the decedent, address,
18 date of birth, age, sex, and race of the decedent, date and time of death, place of
19 death, date and time of autopsy, when applicable, name of the doctor performing the
20 autopsy and names of all persons present at the autopsy, and information regarding

