



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5426**

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDIZED AUTOPSY CONSENT FORMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require standardized
- 2 hospital autopsy consent forms that (1) include clear information
- 3 regarding who will perform the autopsy and give the family an
- 4 opportunity to state any specific requests or concerns that they may
- 5 have, (2) insure an impartial and objective result, (3) include an express
- 6 indication of the capacity of the person performing the autopsy, (4)
- 7 provide a section for family members to submit specific requests of
- 8 tests to be performed during the autopsy, and (5) provide that the
- 9 consent signature be accompanied by the signature of a witness.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To standardize hospital autopsy consent forms in order to safeguard family members' rights to a clear and objective autopsy and to give family members the opportunity to be part of the autopsy decision.