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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5426

File No. 804

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDIZED INFORMED AUTOPSY
CONSENT."**

1 Strike out lines 32 to 47, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) Any person authorized to consent to an autopsy under
4 subsection (a) of this section may [require that if an autopsy is
5 performed it be performed by, or attended by, a physician who is not
6 affiliated with the institution where the deceased person died. The
7 physician seeking consent to an autopsy shall inform the person
8 authorized to give consent of the right to request performance or
9 attendance by a nonaffiliated physician. Such information shall be
10 given orally and shall be included in any written consent form] make
11 arrangements for an autopsy to be performed at any institution that
12 routinely performs autopsies by any physician who is qualified to

13 perform autopsies at such institution. The person requesting the
14 autopsy shall be responsible for arranging for the autopsy and any
15 necessary associated services and for the payment of any costs
16 incurred. Information concerning the rights and responsibilities under
17 this subsection shall be contained in the institution's patient bill of
18 rights and shall be included in all written material that describes the
19 institution's autopsy policy. A copy of the institution's patient bill of
20 rights containing such information shall be given to the person who
21 assumes custody of the body of the deceased person prior to the
22 signing of an autopsy consent form by the person who assumes such
23 custody. The institution shall provide such information in writing in a
24 language understood by the person who assumes custody of the body
25 of the deceased person."

26 Strike out line 61 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu
27 thereof: "subsection (a) of this section, and shall include procedures for
28 the written or telephonic acknowledgement of receipt of an
29 institution's patient bill of rights containing its autopsy policy. Such
30 minimum requirements"