

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0125

Autopsy records.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gingery and Lubnau and
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public records; providing that autopsy
2 records shall not be released without court order; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-203(d)(i) and by creating a new
8 paragraph (xiii) is amended to read:

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10 **16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;**
11 **access of news media; order permitting or restricting**
12 **disclosure; exceptions.**

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14 (d) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection
15 of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law:

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1 (i) Medical, psychological and sociological data
2 on individual persons;~~;~~ ~~exclusive of coroners' autopsy~~
3 ~~reports;~~

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5 (xiii) Any autopsy records, documents, evidence
6 or pictures, including instant photographs and videotapes
7 of the body, or any portion of the body, of a deceased
8 person, taken by or for a coroner at the scene of death or
9 in the course of a postmortem examination or autopsy made
10 by or caused to be made by the coroner, except:

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12 (A) When used in a criminal action or
13 proceeding in this state which relates to the death of that
14 person; or

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16 (B) For use as a court of this state
17 permits, by order after good cause has been shown and after
18 written notification of the request for the court order has
19 been served at least five (5) days before the order is made
20 upon the coroner for the county in which the postmortem
21 examination or autopsy occurred; or

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1 (C) For use by any law enforcement agency
2 in this state or any other state or federal law enforcement
3 agency.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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