

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0003

Coroner cases.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to coroners; restricting and otherwise  
2 modifying the definition of coroner cases; providing  
3 additional definitions relating to coroner cases; and  
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-4-104(a)(i)(intro), (E), (G), (H),  
9 by creating new subparagraphs (J) and (K) and by creating  
10 new paragraphs (iv) and (v) is amended to read:

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12 **7-4-104. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this chapter:

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1           (i) "Coroner's case" means a case involving a  
2 death which was not anticipated and which may involve any  
3 of the following conditions:

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5           (E) The deceased was unattended ~~or had not~~  
6 ~~seen a physician within six (6) months prior to death~~ by a  
7 physician or other health care provider;

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9           (G) The deceased was a prisoner, trustee,  
10 inmate or patient of any county or state corrections  
11 facility or state hospital, whether or not the death is  
12 unanticipated; ~~or~~

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14           (H) If the cause is unknown, or cannot be  
15 certified by a physician;

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17           (J) A public health hazard is presented; or

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19           (K) The identity of the victim is unknown  
20 or the body is unclaimed.

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22           (iv) "Anticipated death" means the death of an  
23 individual who had been diagnosed by a physician acting  
24 within the scope of his license as being afflicted with a

1 condition reasonably likely to result in death, and there  
2 is no cause to believe the death occurred for any reasons  
3 other than those associated with the condition;

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5 (v) "Unattended" means the deceased had not been  
6 under the care of a physician or other health care provider  
7 acting within the scope of his license within sixty (60)  
8 days immediately prior to the date of death.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
12 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
13 Constitution.

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