

House Bill 2370

Sponsored by Representative BROWN (at the request of Michelle Longo Eder)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires State Medical Examiner to issue death certificate within 30 days of receipt of official report from United States Coast Guard of person missing at sea and presumed dead.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to persons presumed dead; amending ORS 146.045.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 146.045 is amended to read:

5 146.045. (1) After consultation with the State Medical Examiner Advisory Board, the State
6 Medical Examiner shall appoint each Deputy State Medical Examiner.

7 (2) The State Medical Examiner shall:

8 (a) Appoint and discharge each district medical examiner as provided by ORS 146.065 (2).

9 (b) Designate those pathologists authorized to perform autopsies under ORS 146.117 (2).

10 (c) Approve those laboratories authorized to perform the analyses required under ORS 146.113
11 (2).

12 (3) The State Medical Examiner may:

13 (a) Assume control of a death investigation in cooperation with the district attorney.

14 (b) Order an autopsy in a death requiring investigation.

15 (c) Certify the cause and manner of a death requiring investigation.

16 (d) Amend a previously completed death certificate on a death requiring investigation.

17 (e) Order a body exhumed in a death requiring investigation.

18 (f) Designate a Deputy State Medical Examiner as Acting State Medical Examiner.

19 (g) After a reasonable and thorough investigation, complete and file a death certificate for a
20 person whose body is not found.

21 (4) Distribution of moneys from the State Medical Examiner's budget for partial reimbursement
22 of each county's autopsy expenditures shall be made subject to approval of the State Medical Ex-
23 aminer.

24 **(5) The State Medical Examiner shall issue a death certificate within 30 days of receipt**
25 **of an official report from the United States Coast Guard of a person missing at sea and**
26 **presumed dead.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.