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S 0983 General Bill, By Sheheen and Hutto

Summary: Ann S. Perdue Independent Autopsy Fairness Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "ANN S. PERDUE INDEPENDENT AUTOPSY FAIRNESS ACT", BY ADDING SECTION 44-43-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PERSON DIES IN A HOSPITAL, THE HOSPITAL SHALL OFFER IN WRITING TO THE PATIENT'S FAMILY THE OPTION OF HAVING AN INDEPENDENT AUTOPSY PERFORMED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-530, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING THE CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER TO BE NOTIFIED OF CERTAIN DEATHS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH NOTIFICATION WHEN A PERSON DIES IN A HEALTH CARE FACILITY WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS OF HAVING AN INVASIVE PROCEDURE PERFORMED AND TO PROVIDE THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IF AN AUTOPSY IS PERFORMED IT MUST BE AN INDEPENDENT AUTOPSY.

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