

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Coroner cases.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Robinson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to coroners; restricting the definition of
2 coroner cases; providing additional definitions relating to
3 coroner cases; and 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. 7-4-104(a)(i)(intro), (E) and by
8 creating new paragraphs (iv) through (vi) is amended to
9 read:

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11 **7-4-104. Definitions.**

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13 (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;~~

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8 (iv) "Anticipated death" means the death of an
9 individual who had been diagnosed by a physician acting
10 within the scope of his license as being afflicted with a
11 terminal condition, and there is no cause to believe the
12 death occurred for any reasons other than those associated
13 with the terminal condition;

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15 (v) "Terminal condition" means as defined in
16 W.S. 35-22-101(a)(ix);

17 ***** STAFF COMMENTS *****

18 **W.S. 35-22-101(a)(ix) deals with living wills and**
19 **defines "terminal condition" as a condition**
20 **caused by injury, disease or illness from which,**
21 **to a reasonable degree of medical certainty,**
22 **there can be no recovery and death is imminent.**
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24 (vi) "Unattended" means the deceased had not
25 been under the care of a physician acting within the scope
26 of his license within sixty (60) days immediately prior to
27 the date of death.

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

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