

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.

5

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

7

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:

11

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

13

14 (a) As used in this chapter:

15

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:

4
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 licensed health care provider;

8
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~~

13
14 (H) If the cause is unknown ~~or cannot be~~
15 certified by a physician;

16
17 (J) A public health hazard is presented; or

18
19 (K) The identity of the victim is unknown
20 or the body is unclaimed.

21
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 an

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

5

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

10

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

15

16

(END)