

By Senator Holzendorf

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to medical examiners; amending  
3           s. 406.11, F.S., relating to examinations,  
4           investigations, and autopsies required of  
5           medical examiners; requiring notification and  
6           approval of next of kin if a procedure of the  
7           medical examiner on a dead human body is  
8           primarily for purposes of medical research;  
9           providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Section 406.11, Florida Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15           406.11 Examinations, investigations, and autopsies.--

16           (1) In any of the following circumstances involving  
17 the death of a human being, the medical examiner of the  
18 district in which the death occurred or the body was found  
19 shall determine the cause of death and shall, for that  
20 purpose, make or have performed such examinations,  
21 investigations, and autopsies as he or she shall deem  
22 necessary or as shall be requested by the state attorney:

23           (a) When any person dies in the state:

24           1. Of criminal violence.

25           2. By accident.

26           3. By suicide.

27           4. Suddenly, when in apparent good health.

28           5. Unattended by a practicing physician or other  
29 recognized practitioner.

30           6. In any prison or penal institution.

31           7. In police custody.

