

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Lawson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to inmate death notification;
3 amending s. 944.09, F.S.; requiring the
4 Department of Corrections to adopt procedures
5 for providing notice of the death of an inmate
6 in the state correctional system; prescribing
7 written information to be provided to the
8 person designated by the inmate to receive
9 notice of the inmate's death; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (s) is added to subsection (1) of
15 section 944.09, Florida Statutes, to read:

16 944.09 Rules of the department; offenders,
17 probationers, and parolees.--

18 (1) The department has authority to adopt rules
19 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement its
20 statutory authority. The rules must include rules relating to:

21 (s) Notice of the death of an inmate. The rules must
22 require the correctional facility in which an inmate died to:

23 1. Notify the person designated by the inmate to
24 receive notice of the inmate's death; and

25 2. Provide, in writing, to the person designated by
26 the inmate to receive notice of the inmate's death information
27 that will assist the person in contacting the department
28 concerning matters relating to the death of the inmate.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 2036

Clarifies that the Department of Corrections is required to provide the person who is designated by an inmate to be notified of the inmate's death with written information of how to contact the department regarding questions relating to the death.