

HB 41

2008

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to inmate death notification; amending s.
3 944.09, F.S.; requiring adoption of procedures to provide
4 notice of the death of inmates in the state correctional
5 system; prescribing written information to be provided;
6 providing an effective date.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Paragraph (s) is added to subsection (1) of
11 section 944.09, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 944.09 Rules of the department; offenders, probationers,
13 and parolees.--

14 (1) The department has authority to adopt rules pursuant
15 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement its statutory
16 authority. The rules must include rules relating to:

17 (s) Notice of the death of an inmate. The rules must
18 require the correctional facility in which an inmate died to
19 follow up the initial notice to the person designated by the
20 inmate to receive notice of his or her death by providing, in
21 writing, appropriate departmental contact information for any
22 department handling the inmate's death.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.