

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 216

BY SENATOR WHEAT

DEATH/MORTALITY. Provides relative to medical pronouncement of death. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:111(B), relative to medical pronouncement of death; to provide  
3 relative to the information received from certain authorized personnel; to provide  
4 relative to licensed practical nurses; to authorize a coroner to make a medical  
5 pronouncement of death based on information received from licensed practical  
6 nurses in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 9:111(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §111. Definition of death

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11 B. The medical pronouncement of death by a coroner may also be based on  
12 personal observation, information, or statements obtained from coroner investigators,  
13 registered nurses, **licensed practical nurses**, physician assistants, or emergency  
14 medical technicians at the scene who are reporting from firsthand observation of the  
15 physical condition of the deceased. The time of death shall be reported as the time  
16 that the death was reported or discovered. The name of the personnel that the coroner  
17 is relying on shall be noted on the coroner's investigative report.

