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SENATE BILL NO. 81

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

CORONERS. Authorizes the coroner to obtain blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples relevant to an investigation. (8/1/18)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:3734(H), relative to coroners; to provide relative to coroners' investigations; to provide relative to certain biological fluids or samples; to provide relative to the release of biological fluids or samples to coroners; to provide relative to custodians of records; to provide relative to liability; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:3734(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3734. Privileged communication between health care provider and patient

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H. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when conducting any investigation, the coroner or his authorized agents or employees may obtain any blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples which he deems relevant to the investigation. Such blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples may be made available to him by the custodian thereof without the necessity of authorization, subpoena, or court order. No health care provider, custodian of records, or officer, employee, or agent thereof shall be held civilly

