

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 144 (SB 81)

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Prior law allowed a coroner to review any medical or dental record relevant to an investigation without authorization, subpoena, or court order. New law retains prior law.

Prior law provided that no health care provider or custodian of records shall be held civilly or criminally liable for disclosing medical or dental records to a requesting coroner. New law retains prior law.

New law allows a coroner to obtain blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples relevant to an investigation without authorization, subpoena, or court order. Clarifies that under prior law, a coroner is authorized to have access to such records during an investigation.

New law provides that no health care provider or custodian of records shall be held civilly or criminally liable for releasing a deceased patient's blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples to a requesting coroner.

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(Adds R.S. 13:3734(H))