

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 468

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

CORONERS: Provides relative to coroner reports on vaccine adverse events

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5713(C)(2), relative to coroners; to provide relative to the  
3 duties of coroners; to provide relative to autopsies; to add Sudden Unexpected Infant  
4 Death to circumstances requiring notification to the parish health unit; to require  
5 coroners to submit a vaccine adverse event reporting system report; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:5713(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §5713. Duties; autopsies and investigations

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11 C.

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13 (2) If the coroner finds that the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death  
14 Syndrome or Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, he shall notify the director of the  
15 parish health unit within forty-eight hours after such determination and shall file a  
16 Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) report.

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18 (5) When the death of an infant occurs within thirty days of the infant's last  
19 vaccination, the coroner shall file a VAERS report.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Adds SUID to circumstances in which the coroner must notify the parish health unit and requires the coroner to file a VAERS report when the cause of death is SIDS or SUID and when the infant's death occurred within 30 days of last vaccination.

Present law provides that if the coroner finds that the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, he shall notify the director of the parish health unit within 48 hours after such determination.

Proposed law retains present law and adds Sudden Unexpected Infant Death to circumstances in which the coroner shall notify the director of the parish health unit within 48 hours after such determination.

Proposed law requires the coroner to file a VAERS report when the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Proposed law also requires the coroner to file a VAERS report when the infant died within 30 days of the infant's last vaccination.

(Amends R.S. 13:5713(C)(2))