

SENATE BILL NO. 137

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5716, relative to coroners; to provide for cremation of bodies; to provide for notification; to provide for an investigation; to provide for a permit; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:5716 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§5716. Cremation of bodies

If the cremation of a body is requested, the funeral director shall immediately notify the coroner who has jurisdiction in the death.

A. If, after the necessary investigation, the coroner is satisfied that there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death, he shall issue a permit for cremation.

B. If the investigation reveals suspicious circumstances or the reasonable probability of the commission of a crime, the coroner shall deny the permit. **After completion of the coroner's investigation, he may issue a permit for cremation.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____