

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 113 (SB 137)**

**2020 Regular Session**

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Prior law required that if the cremation of a body is requested, the funeral director immediately notify the coroner who has jurisdiction in the death.

Prior law required that after the necessary investigation, the coroner issue a permit for cremation if he is satisfied that there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death.

Prior law required that the coroner deny the permit if the investigation reveals suspicious circumstances or the reasonable probability of the commission of a crime.

New law retains prior law and authorizes that in instances where the investigation reveals suspicious circumstances or the reasonable probability of the commission of a crime, the coroner to issue a permit for cremation after the coroner's investigation is complete.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 13:5716)