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HOUSE BILL NO. 471

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER

CORONERS: Provides relative to fees for an emergency certificate issued by the Allen Parish coroner

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5706(G) and R.S. 28:53(G)(6), relative to coroners; to 3 provide relative to payment of fees for coroners' services; to reassign payment for an 4 emergency certificate executed by the coroner for the admittance or commitment of 5 certain persons to Allen Parish Hospital; and to provide for related matters. 6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of 8 Louisiana. 9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 10 Section 1. R.S. 13:5706(G) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 11 §5706. Fees for coroner's services 12 13 G.(1) Payment of fees for coroners' services related to admittance or 14 commitment of patients or residents to any state-operated health care or treatment 15 facility shall be made by a parish immediately upon such admittance or commitment 16 at the option of the coroner rendering such services. 17 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, in 18 the parish of Allen, the payment for coroners' services related to admittance or 19 commitment of patients or residents to Allen Parish Hospital shall be made by Allen 20 Parish Hospital. 21

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Section 2. R.S. 28:53(G)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services rendered

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(6)(a) When a person is confined in a treatment facility other than a state psychiatric hospital, the examining coroner in the parish where the patient is confined shall be entitled to the usual fee paid for this service to the coroner of the parish in which the patient is domiciled or residing. When a person is confined in a state psychiatric hospital in a parish other than his parish of domicile or residence, the examining coroner shall be entitled to the fee authorized by law in his parish for the service. In either case, the fee shall be paid and accurate records of such payments kept by the governing authority of the parish in which the patient is domiciled or residing from parish funds designated for the purpose of payment to the coroner. Each coroner shall keep accurate records showing the number of patients confined in his parish pursuant to this Section.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, in the parish of Allen, payment for the execution of an emergency certificate by the examining coroner shall be paid pursuant to R.S. 13:5706(G)(2).

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires Allen Parish Hospital to pay fees for coroners' services relative to emergency certificates executed for patients confined to Allen Parish Hospital.

<u>Present law</u> provides that payment of fees for coroners' services related to admittance or commitment of patients or residents to any state-operated health care or treatment facility shall be made by a parish.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the fee of the examining coroner shall be paid by the governing authority of the parish of the patient's domicile or residence.

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<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and specifies that in Allen Parish, the fee for an emergency certificate executed by the coroner shall be paid by Allen Parish Hospital for all persons confined to Allen Parish Hospital.

(Amends R.S. 13:5706(G) and R.S. 28:53(G)(6))