1 State of Arkansas
2 80th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1995
4 By: Senator Hoofman

A Bill

ACT 201 OF 1995
SENATE BILL   177

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8   "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-12-317 RELATING TO

9   PETITIONS TO CHANGE THE CAUSE OR MANNER OF DEATH AS SHOWN

10   ON DEATH CERTIFICATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

13   "RELATING TO PETITIONS TO CHANGE THE

14   CAUSE OR MANNER OF DEATH AS SHOWN ON

15   DEATH CERTIFICATES."

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-12-317 is hereby amended by adding the

20 following new subdivision at the end thereof:

21   "(c) When a petition is filed with a court of competent jurisdiction to

22 change the cause or manner of death listed on a death certificate which has

23 been signed by the Chief Medical Examiner or by his designee, the State Crime

24 Laboratory shall be notified of such petition and the Chief Medical Examiner

25 or his designee shall be allowed to hear testimony presented by the petitioner

26 and shall be given an opportunity to present evidence to the court to support

27 the original ruling of the Chief Medical Examiner or assistant who signed the

28 certificate."

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30   SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34   SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

2 act are declared to be severable.

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4   SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

5 hereby repealed.

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7   APPROVED: 2-9-95

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