

1 State of Arkansas
2 93rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1025

4
5 By: Representative Watson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF
9 CORONERS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TRAINING
15 OF CORONERS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-15-308(d)(1)(A), concerning training and
21 instruction of coroners, is amended to read as follows:

22 (d)(1)(A) Within one (1) year of beginning employment as a deputy
23 coroner, a person employed as a deputy coroner after January 1, ~~2020~~ 2021,
24 shall complete the training required under this section and obtain a
25 certificate under subdivision (b)(1) of this section or present a certificate
26 from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.
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28 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
29 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that due to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)
30 pandemic, coroners have devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort to
31 prepare and respond to the pandemic; that the ability of a coroner to
32 complete the training required under current law is severely hampered due to
33 pandemic-related time constraints and cancellations of trainings; and that
34 this act is immediately necessary because an extension of time will allow
35 coroners to complete required training. Therefore, an emergency is declared
36 to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of



1 the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

2 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

3 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
4 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
5 bill; or

6 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
7 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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