

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
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# A Bill

ACT 422 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1567

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5 By: Representative Broadway

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-12-318 (a) TO AUTHORIZE  
10 THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE OR HIS DESIGNEE  
11 TO REQUEST THAT THE STATE CRIME LABORATORY CONDUCT AN  
12 AUTOPSY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
16 ARKANSAS STATE POLICE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO  
17 REQUEST THAT THE STATE CRIME LABORATORY  
18 CONDUCT AN AUTOPSY."

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-12-318 (a), concerning examinations,  
24 investigations, and postmortem examinations of the State Crime Laboratory to  
25 determine cause of death, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) When death occurs in such a manner or under such circumstances as  
27 described in § 12-12-315, the State Crime Laboratory shall have the power and  
28 authority to perform such functions and duties as may be provided by this  
29 subchapter. The State Crime Laboratory shall make such examinations or  
30 investigations or perform such postmortem examinations to determine the cause  
31 of death as the Executive Director of the State Crime Laboratory or his staff  
32 deems necessary or as may be requested by the coroner of the county in which  
33 death occurs or is discovered, by the prosecuting attorney of the jurisdiction  
34 in which death occurs or is discovered, by the sheriff of the county in which  
35 death occurs or is discovered, by the chief of police of the city in which  
36 death occurs or is discovered, by the Board of Correction and Community

1 Punishment or its designee, or the Director of the Department of Correction or  
2 his designee if the person was in the care, custody, or control of the  
3 Department of Correction at the time of death, or by the Director of the  
4 Arkansas State Police or his designee. Deputies of elected officers  
5 enumerated above shall have no authority to request a postmortem examination  
6 by the State Crime Laboratory.✕

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8 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
9 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
10 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
14 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
16 act are declared to be severable.

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18 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
19 hereby repealed.

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