

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1815**

TO AMEND THE DEATH CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE  
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1815**

Amend House Bill No. 1815 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 22, delete "§ 20-18-601(c)-(e)," and substitute "§ 20-18-601(c)-(f), as amended by Acts 2019, No. 315,"

AND

Page 1, line 26, delete "two (2)" and substitute "two (2) three (3)"

AND

Page 1, delete line 30, and substitute the following:

"(ii) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, a medical certification shall be completed using the"

AND

Page 2, line 4, delete "either by a signature" and substitute "either by a signature"

AND

Page 2, line 5, delete "or" and substitute "as authorized under subsection (i) of this section or"

AND

Page 2, line 11, delete "two (2)" and substitute "three (3)"

AND

Page 2, line 13, delete "two (2)" and substitute "three (3)"



AND

Page 2, delete lines 32 and 33, and substitute the following:  
"be made available to the certifier of death through an approved electronic process or system or another process designated by the division under subsection (i) of this section."

AND

Page 2, delete line 36, and substitute the following:  
"through an approved electronic process or system or another process designated by the division under subsection (i) of this section."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 6 and 7, and substitute the following:  
"investigation to determine and certify the cause of death through an approved electronic process or system or another process designated by the division under subsection (i) of this section."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 18 through 19, and substitute the following:  
"Medical Examiner or coroner shall be completed using an approved electronic process or system or another process designated by the division under subsection (i) of this section.

(f)(1) If the cause of death cannot be determined within forty-eight (48) hours after death the time periods under subsections (c) or (e) of this section, the medical certification shall be completed as provided by rule.

(2) The attending physician, State Medical Examiner, or county coroner shall give the funeral director or person acting as the funeral director notice of the reason for the delay, and final disposition of the dead body shall not be made until authorized by the attending physician or State Medical Examiner or county coroner.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-18-601, concerning death certification registration and the medical certification of death, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(i)(1) Upon request, the department may grant a waiver from the requirement of subdivision (c)(1)(A)(ii) of this section that a medical certification by completed using an electronic process or system if a person requesting the waiver:

(A) Lacks reliable internet connectivity sufficient to ensure access and secure submission to the electronic system;

(B) Has not received requested training or technical assistance from the division on the use of the system and correct submission procedure;

(C) Regularly signs fewer than five (5) medical certifications per month; or

(D) Shows other good cause for a waiver as determined by the department in its discretion.

(2) A physician who is granted a waiver under subdivision (i)(1) of this section:

(A) Shall not be fined under subsection (c)(2)(B) of this section for failure to submit medical certification using an electronic process or system; and

(B) Is liable for failure to submit a medical certification in a timely manner under subdivision (c)(1)(A)(i) of this section."

The Amendment was read

By: Representative Perry

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