

AN ACT

relating to taking a blood specimen from the body of a deceased person during an inquest.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 49.10(j), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(j) A justice of the peace may order a physician, qualified technician, paramedic, chemist, registered professional nurse, or licensed vocational nurse to take a specimen of blood from the body of a person:

(1) who died as the result of a motor vehicle accident if the justice determines that circumstances indicate that the person may have been driving while intoxicated; or

(2) to aid in the confirmation or determination of the cause and manner of death while conducting an inquest.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 760 passed the Senate on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 760 passed the House on May 9, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 8, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor