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H.B. No. 3334

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requirements regarding certification that a forensic
3 anthropologist must meet in order to assist a medical examiner.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (n), Article 49.10, Code of Criminal
6 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

7 (n) On discovering the body of a deceased person in the
8 circumstances described by Article 49.04(a)(3)(B), the justice of
9 the peace [~~medical examiner~~] may request the aid of a forensic
10 anthropologist in the examination of the body. The forensic
11 anthropologist must be eligible for board certification by a
12 nationally recognized association that accredits practitioners in
13 the forensic sciences. The forensic anthropologist shall attempt
14 to establish whether the body is of a human or animal, whether
15 evidence of childbirth, injury, or disease exists, and the sex,
16 race, age, stature, and physical anomalies of the body. The
17 forensic anthropologist may also attempt to establish the cause,
18 manner, and time of death.

19 SECTION 2. Section 13, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal
20 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

21 Sec. 13. On discovering the body of a deceased person in the
22 circumstances described by Subdivision 3(B) of Section 6(a), the
23 medical examiner may request the aid of a forensic anthropologist
24 in the examination of the body. The forensic anthropologist must be

1 eligible for board certification ~~board certified~~ by a nationally
2 recognized association that accredits practitioners in the
3 forensic sciences. The forensic anthropologist shall attempt to
4 establish whether the body is of a human or animal, whether evidence
5 of childbirth, injury, or disease exists, and the sex, race, age,
6 stature, and physical anomalies of the body. The forensic
7 anthropologist may also attempt to establish the cause, manner, and
8 time of death.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.