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H.B. No. 1460

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1460:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to release of autopsy reports in relation to a workers'
3 compensation or insurance claim.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 671.013, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) An autopsy report shall be released on request to an
9 authorized person in connection with the determination of the cause
10 of death in relation to a workers' compensation or insurance claim.
11 Except as provided by Subsection (d), the report shall be released
12 not later than the 15th business day after the date the request is
13 received from the authorized person.

14 (d) If the report has not been filed as provided by Section
15 671.012, a representative of the office designated by the autopsy
16 order shall, not later than the 10th business day after the date of
17 the request, notify the requesting person that the report has not
18 been filed and of the date, to the best of the knowledge of the
19 representative, that the requesting person may anticipate
20 receiving the report.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.