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H.B. No. 1460

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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 The report shall be released not later than the 15th day after the
12 date the request is received from the authorized person.

13 (d) If an autopsy report is not available for release within
14 the period specified by Subsection (a) because the report has not
15 been filed, a representative of the commissioners court of the
16 county in which the autopsy report will be filed shall, not later
17 than the 10th business day after the date of the request, notify the
18 requesting person that the report has not been filed and of the
19 date, to the best of the knowledge of the representative, that the
20 requesting person may anticipate receiving the report.

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