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H.B. No. 2326

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.