

Senate Bill 87

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires mental health care provider to cooperate with district medical examiner investigating deaths.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to death investigations; amending ORS 146.100.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 146.100 is amended to read:

5 146.100. (1) Death investigations shall be under the direction of the district medical examiner
6 and the district attorney for the county where the death occurs.

7 (2) For purposes of ORS 146.003 to 146.189, if the county where death occurs is unknown, the
8 death shall be deemed to have occurred in the county where the body is found, except that if in an
9 emergency the deceased is moved by conveyance to another county and is dead on arrival, the death
10 shall be deemed to have occurred in the county from which the body was originally removed.

11 (3) The district medical examiner or a designated assistant medical examiner for the county
12 where death occurs shall be immediately notified of:

13 (a) All deaths requiring investigation; and

14 (b) All deaths of persons admitted to a hospital or institution for less than 24 hours, although
15 the medical examiner need not investigate nor certify such deaths.

16 (4) No person having knowledge of a death requiring investigation shall intentionally or know-
17 ingly fail to make notification thereof as required by subsection (3) of this section.

18 (5) The district medical examiner or deputy medical examiner shall immediately notify the dis-
19 trict attorney for the county where death occurs of all deaths requiring investigation except for
20 those specified by ORS 146.090 (1)(d) to (g).

21 (6) All peace officers, physicians, embalmers, **mental health care providers**, supervisors of
22 penal institutions and supervisors of hospitals or institutions caring for the ill or helpless shall co-
23 operate with the medical examiner by providing requested medical records, tissue samples and other
24 materials necessary to conduct the death investigation and shall make notification of deaths as re-
25 quired by subsection (3) of this section.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.