

Requested by Representative MCKEOWN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2585**

1 On page 2 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 2 through 5 and
2 insert:

3 “(6)(a) If the Search and Rescue Coordinator and a county sheriff inves-
4 tigate a person missing in the wilderness or a forested environment and de-
5 termine that the person is believed to be deceased, the sheriff shall send
6 documentation of the investigation and determination to the Chief Medical
7 Examiner.

8 “(b) Within seven days after receiving documentation under paragraph (a)
9 of this subsection, the Chief Medical Examiner shall evaluate the credibility
10 of the investigation and the determination that the person is believed to be
11 deceased.

12 “(c) If the Chief Medical Examiner, based on the evaluation under para-
13 graph (b) of this subsection and the Chief Medical Examiner’s field of ex-
14 pertise, determines that there is no reasonable suspicion that the person is
15 not deceased, the Chief Medical Examiner shall complete and file a report
16 of death for the person believed to be deceased within 45 days after making
17 the determination.

18 “(d)(A) If the Chief Medical Examiner, based on the evaluation under
19 paragraph (b) of this subsection and the Chief Medical Examiner’s field of
20 expertise, determines that there is a reasonable suspicion that the person is
21 not deceased, the Chief Medical Examiner shall report to the sheriff with the

1 basis for the determination and a list of any missing information that would
2 aid the Chief Medical Examiner in evaluating the credibility of the investi-
3 gation and the determination that the person is believed to be deceased.

4 “(B) Upon receiving a report under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph,
5 the sheriff shall make a reasonable effort to provide the missing information
6 listed by the Chief Medical Examiner.

7 “(C) After issuing a report under this paragraph, the Chief Medical Ex-
8 aminer shall continue the death investigation in conjunction with the sheriff
9 and the Search and Rescue Coordinator until the sheriff issues a final report
10 on the missing person. If, at any time, the Chief Medical Examiner deter-
11 mines, based on the Chief Medical Examiner’s field of expertise, that there
12 is no reasonable suspicion that the person is not deceased, the Chief Medical
13 Examiner shall complete and file a report of death for the person believed
14 to be deceased within 45 days after making the determination.”.

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