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Re: House Bill 3127

Require Medical Certifiers & Medical Examiners to use OVERS, State electronic reporting system.

Please accept this as testimony in support of House Bill 3127. The OVERS system began with a roll out back in 2006. After a couple years, most glitches were worked out and those were the concerns most Medical Certifiers were concerned with. The vast benefit of this system was foremost accuracy and just as important it streamlined the processing and production of Certified Copies. These are documents that families crucially need as soon as possible to address the multitude of details following a death.

I have understood that on the Birthing side, this mandate was imposed several years ago and most providers in that realm are on board. The reluctance of General Medical Providers to participate have varied reasons. The intent of this Bill 3127 states that Medical Providers "Shall submit".

The key is, how you are going to mandate participation by all. I would venture to say that just passing this piece of legislation and the wording IS NOT going to motivate the providers to participate. I have voiced the opinion for years that you need to hinge this requirement with renewal of Medical Licenses. Before a License is approved or renewed, they have to prove they are registered & using the OVERS system. Just my thoughts and concerns of a Funeral Service Practitioner of over 45 years.

Respectfully submitted,

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