



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1568

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Sue Rezin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-3016

from Ch. 34, par. 3-3016

Amends Coroner Division of the Counties Code. Requires an autopsy of an infant under one year of age (rather than 2 years of age) who has died suddenly and unexpectedly and the circumstances concerning the death are unexplained following investigation (rather than just unexplained). Replaces references to sudden infant death syndrome with references to both sudden unexpected infant death and sudden infant death syndrome in provisions about reporting suspected cases and identification on the death certificate. Provides that if the cause of death is listed as sudden unexpected infant death, environmental factors, such as the condition of the infant's sleep environment, shall be noted on the death certificate when available.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
5 3-3016 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-3016) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-3016)

7 Sec. 3-3016. Sudden unexpected infant death and sudden
8 infant death syndrome. Where an infant under one year ~~2 years~~
9 of age has died suddenly and unexpectedly and the circumstances
10 concerning the death are unexplained following investigation,
11 an autopsy shall be performed by a physician licensed to
12 practice medicine in all of its branches who has special
13 training in pathology. When an autopsy is conducted under this
14 Section, the parents or guardian of the child shall receive a
15 preliminary report of the autopsy within 5 days of the infant's
16 death. All suspected sudden unexpected infant death and sudden
17 infant death syndrome ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome~~ cases shall
18 be reported to the Statewide Sudden Unexpected Infant Death
19 ~~Syndrome~~ Program within 72 hours.

20 Death certificates shall list the cause of death as sudden
21 unexpected infant death or sudden infant death syndrome ~~Sudden~~
22 ~~Infant Death Syndrome~~ where this finding is medically justified
23 pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Department of

1 Public Health. If the cause of death is listed as sudden
2 unexpected infant death, environmental factors, such as the
3 condition of the infant's sleep environment, shall be noted
4 when available. Copies of death certificates which list the
5 cause of death of infants under one year ~~2 years~~ of age as
6 sudden unexpected infant death or sudden infant death syndrome
7 ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome~~ shall be forwarded to the
8 Department of Public Health within 30 days of the death with a
9 report which shall include an autopsy report, epidemiological
10 data required by the Department and other pertinent data.
11 (Source: P.A. 86-962.)