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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1226

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1226, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
6 3-3016.5 as follows:

7 (55 ILCS 5/3-3016.5 new)

8 Sec. 3-3016.5. Sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy  
9 (SUDEP).

10 (a) All autopsies conducted in this State shall include an  
11 inquiry to determine whether the death was a direct result of a  
12 seizure or epilepsy. If the findings in an autopsy of a medical  
13 examiner, examining physician, or coroner are consistent with  
14 known or suspected sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy  
15 (SUDEP), then the medical examiner, examining physician, or  
16 coroner shall:

1           (1) cause to be indicated on the death certificate that  
2           SUDEP is the cause or suspected cause of death; and

3           (2) forward a copy of the death certificate to the  
4           North American SUDEP Registry at the Langone Medical Center  
5           at New York University within 30 days.

6           (b) For the purposes of this Section, "sudden unexpected  
7           death in epilepsy" refers to a death in a patient previously  
8           diagnosed with epilepsy that is not due to trauma, drowning,  
9           status epilepticus, or other known causes, but for which there  
10           is often evidence of an associated seizure. A finding of  
11           sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy is definite when clinical  
12           criteria are met and autopsy reveals no alternative cause of  
13           death, such as stroke, myocardial infarction, or drug  
14           intoxication, although there may be evidence of a seizure.

15           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
16           1, 2014."