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Committee Bill No. 396

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) The Chief Medical
2 Examiner shall make a determination as to whether or not a person's
3 death was a sudden unexpected death in epilepsy, when (1) it requires
4 an autopsy pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-406 of the general
5 statutes in connection with (A) a sudden or unexpected death not
6 caused by a readily recognizable disease, or (B) a death under
7 suspicious circumstances, and (2) the deceased was diagnosed with
8 epilepsy. The Chief Medical Examiner shall note such determination
9 on the deceased's death certificate and issue a copy of such death
10 certificate to the North American Sudden Unexplained Death in
11 Epilepsy (SUDEP) Registry as soon as practicable after the completion
12 of the autopsy. For purposes of this section, "sudden unexpected death
13 in epilepsy" means the death of a person with epilepsy that is not
14 caused by injury, drowning or other known causes unrelated to
15 epilepsy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a medical examiner to make a determination as to whether a deceased person with epilepsy suffered a sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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