ORIGINAL SENATE FILE NO. 0049

ENROLLED ACT NO. 41 , SENATE

FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 1990 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT to amend W.S. 1-14-104, 7-4-103(a) and by creating a new subsection (c), 7-4-201 by creating a new subsection (f), 7-4-211(b) and 9-1-634(a) relating to coroners; authorizing coroners to set fees as specified; modifying certification requirements for coroners; authorizing reimbursement for coroners attending training classes; allowing coroners to examine medical and psychological data when investigating a death; setting terms for members of board of coroner standards; providing that the law enforcement academy may provide a basic coroner's course; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 1-14-104, 7-4-103(a) and by creating a new subsection (c), 7-4-201 by creating a new subsection (f), 7-4-211(b) and 9-1-634(a) are amended to read:

1-14-104. Physician testifying as expert or performing postmortem or autopsy; fees. Any physician or surgeon shall receive a reasonable fee as determined by the coroner when testifying as an expert before a coroner or other officer for each half day or portion thereof, and when conducting a postmortem examination or autopsy.

7-4-103. Certification requirements; penalty; expenses.

- (a) After January 5, 1987, no person shall continue in office as county coroner or deputy coroner unless he has been certified under W.S. 9-1-634 as having completed:
- (i) Not later than one (1) year after assuming office, a basic coroner course;
- (ii) Continuing education requirements promulgated by the board of coroner standards pursuant to W.S. 7-4-211(c)(iii).
 - (c) Each coroner or deputy coroner attending approved clas-

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ses to receive the certification required by subsection (a) of this section shall receive his present salary or per diem in the same manner and amount as state employees, whichever is greater, and shall be reimbursed for his actual travel and other necessary expenses reasonably incurred in obtaining the required training. The expenses shall be paid by the county in which the coroner or deputy coroner is serving.

7-4-201. Reports of death; investigation; summoning of jurors; fees and costs; inspection of medical records.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the coroner may inspect medical and psychological data relating to the person whose death is being investigated if the coroner determines the information is relevant and necessary to the investigation.

7-4-211. Board of coroner standards.

(b) The members of the board shall be appointed to terms of four (4) years which are concurrent with the terms of the office of coroner. Board members who are not elected county officers or employees of a government agency shall receive travel expenses and per diem in the same manner and amount as state employees.

9-1-634. Coroner training; certification of completion.

(a) The director of the Wyoming law enforcement academy may provide annually at the academy or other location within the state a basic coroner's course of forty (40) hours. The course shall comply with standards promulgated by the peace officers standards and training commission and the board of coroner standards.

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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TIME APPROVED:

10:22 g.m.

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I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk

