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H 2429. EXPAND MEDICAL EXAMINER JURISDICTION/FUNDS (=S 1770). Filed 5/21/08. *TO EXPAND THE JURISDICTION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO INCLUDE DEATHS THAT OCCUR AT FACILITIES OPERATED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.*

Identical to S 1770, filed 5/20/08.

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H 2429. EXPAND MEDICAL EXAMINER JURISDICTION/FUNDS. Filed 5/21/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Amends GS 122C-31 to add to the reporting requirements upon the death of a client as specified in GS 122C-31 subsections (a) through (e) and in GS 130A-383, a requirement that every state facility report the death of any client in the facility to the medical examiner in which the deceased is found, regardless of the manner of death. Amends GS 130A-383 to clarify that the county medical examiner of the county in which the body of the deceased is found is to be notified regarding deaths occurring in state facilities operated under GS Chapter 122C, Article 4, Part 5 (was, any facility operated by, or on behalf of, the Division of Mental Health, Development Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services [MH/DD/SA] of the Department of Health and Human Services).

Directs the Commission for MH/DD/SA services to study the current death reporting requirements under GS 122C-26(5)c., assess the need for any changes to existing rules and procedures, and report its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on MH/DD/SA services by November 1, 2008.