
HOUSE BILL 1142

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing the ability of a coroner to perform
2 his or her duties; adding a new section to chapter 36.24 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.24
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) So that the timely investigation of a death will not be
8 prevented, hindered or impeded, when a coroner is at the scene of a
9 death in the performance of his or her duties as coroner, the coroner
10 may lawfully order persons at the scene to vacate the scene of the
11 death until such time as the coroner has completed his or her duties
12 at the scene.

13 (2) Failure to comply with the lawful order of a coroner to
14 vacate the scene of a death under subsection (1) of this section is a
15 misdemeanor.

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