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2 200584-3  
3 By Senator Coleman-Madison  
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs  
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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to medical examiners; to require medical  
12 examiners to notify the next of kin, through the appropriate  
13 law enforcement agency, when retaining a deceased person's  
14 organ or organs for additional testing related to a  
15 determination of the cause or manner of death; and to prohibit  
16 medical examiners from retaining an organ of the deceased for  
17 research or other purposes not in conjunction with a  
18 determination of identification, cause, or manner of death  
19 without notification to, and approval by, the next of kin.  
20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. (a) Unless directed otherwise by the  
22 Governor, the Attorney General, a district attorney, or an  
23 order of a circuit court judge, a medical examiner performing  
24 his or her duties in any county in this state as provided  
25 under existing law, including a medical examiner employed by  
26 the Department of Forensic Sciences, shall notify the next of  
27 kin, through the appropriate law enforcement agency, when

1 retaining a deceased person's entire organ or organs for  
2 additional testing that is required to determine  
3 identification or the cause or manner of death.

4 (b) A medical examiner performing his or her duties  
5 in any county in this state as provided under existing law,  
6 including a medical examiner employed by the Department of  
7 Forensic Sciences, is prohibited from retaining a deceased  
8 person's entire organ or organs for research or any other  
9 purpose not in conjunction with a determination of  
10 identification or cause or manner of death without  
11 notification to, and approval by, the appropriate next of kin.

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
13 first day of the third month following its passage and  
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 30  
Nays 0

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.