

1 AN ACT relating to sudden unexpected death in epilepsy.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 72 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For the purposes of this section, "SUDEP" means sudden unexpected death in*
6 *epilepsy.*

7 *(2) (a) All autopsies conducted in this state as required by KRS 72.025 shall*
8 *include, if requested by an immediate family member of the deceased to the*
9 *coroner, an inquiry to determine whether the death is a direct result of a*
10 *seizure or epilepsy. If the finding in an autopsy is consistent with SUDEP,*
11 *the coroner shall indicate on the death certificate that SUDEP is the cause*
12 *or suspected cause of death.*

13 *(b) If SUDEP is written as the cause or suspected cause of death, the Vital*
14 *Statistics Branch shall forward a copy of the death certificate to the North*
15 *American SUDEP Registry at the Langone Medical Center at New York*
16 *University within thirty (30) days.*

17 ➔Section 2. This Act may be cited as Jami's Law.