

HOUSE BILL 1913

By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41,
Chapter 21, relative to deceased prisoners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-221, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) Whenever an inmate dies in the penitentiary, the warden shall forthwith notify the commissioner of correction, if practicable, and summon at least one (1) licensed physician of the county of the prison to examine the body of the deceased, whose duty it is to attend and ascertain, as nearly as may be, the cause of death, and report the cause to the commissioner.

(b) Disposition of the body must be consistent with the provisions for the disposition of dead bodies in accordance with title 68, chapter 4.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.