

SENATE FILE NO. SF0029

Coroners-disclosure of information.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to coroner cases; specifying information as  
2 public records; requiring disclosure of information as  
3 specified; authorizing nondisclosure of documents as  
4 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-4-105 is created to read:

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10 **7-4-105. Coroner cases; public records; disclosure of**  
11 **information.**

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13 Subject to the provisions of this section, all documents  
14 regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or  
15 received by a coroner or his office in connection with a  
16 coroner case, except those privileged or confidential by

1 law, shall be a public record subject to disclosure in  
2 accordance with W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205. A coroner  
3 or his office who has received but not made a document in a  
4 coroner case may withhold the document from disclosure as  
5 provided in W.S. 16-4-203(j). In restricting disclosure of  
6 any other record subject to this section a coroner shall  
7 furnish as much information as is not privileged or  
8 confidential by law and shall use redaction as necessary to  
9 allow the fullest disclosure authorized by law.

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11 **Section 2.** W.S. 16-4-203(d)(i) and by creating a new  
12 subsection (j) is amended to read:

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14 **16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;**  
15 **access of news media; order permitting or restricting**  
16 **disclosure; exceptions.**

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18 (d) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection  
19 of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law:

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21 (i) Medical, psychological and sociological data  
22 on individual persons, exclusive of coroners' autopsy  
23 reports and other coroner records as provided in W.S.

24 7-4-105;

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2       (j) A coroner office receiving a request for  
3 inspection of a document in a coroner case may deny the  
4 right of inspection if the document was received but not  
5 made by the coroner or his office. If inspection of a  
6 document is refused pursuant to this subsection the coroner  
7 or his office shall provide the requesting party with the  
8 name and title of the person from whom the document was  
9 received.

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11       **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
14 Constitution.

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