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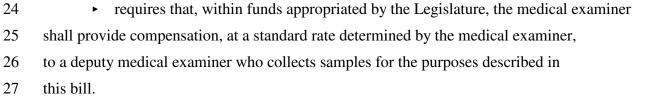
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2	SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF SUSPECTED				
3	SUICIDE				
4	2007 GENERAL SESSION				
5	STATE OF UTAH				
6	Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper				
7	Senate Sponsor: Margaret Dayton				
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9	LONG TITLE				
10	General Description:				
11	This bill amends the Utah Medical Examiner Act to provide for testing, in suicide				
12	cases, to determine the types of drugs or other substances that are present in the body of				
13	the deceased.				
14	Highlighted Provisions:				
15	This bill:				
16	<ul> <li>requires the medical examiner to endeavor to have tests conducted, for the presence</li> </ul>				
17	of certain drugs or other substances, on a sample taken from the body of a deceased				
18	person who is suspected to have committed suicide;				
19	<ul> <li>requires the medical examiner to maintain information regarding the types of drugs</li> </ul>				
20	detected in the tests described in the preceding paragraph;				

**MEDICAL EXAMINER - TESTING FOR** 



maintained under this bill to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, on

• requires the Department of Health to present a report regarding the information



an annual basis, beginning in 2008; and

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	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
	Other Special Clauses:
	None
	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
	ENACTS:
	<b>26-4-28</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section <b>26-4-28</b> is enacted to read:
	26-4-28. Testing for suspected suicides Maintaining information Report to the
	Health and Human Services Interim Committee Compensation to deputy medical
	examiners.
	(1) In all cases where it is suspected that a death resulted from suicide, including
	assisted suicide, the medical examiner shall endeavor to have the following tests conducted
	upon samples taken from the body of the deceased:
	(a) a test that detects all of the substances included in the volatiles panel of the Bureau
!	of Forensic Toxicology within the Department of Health;
	(b) a test that detects all of the substances included in the drugs of abuse panel of the
	Bureau of Forensic Toxicology within the Department of Health; and
	(c) a test that detects all of the substances included in the prescription drug panel of the
	Bureau of Forensic Toxicology within the Department of Health.
	(2) The medical examiner shall maintain information regarding the types of substances
	found present in the samples taken from the body of a person who is suspected to have died as
	a result of suicide or assisted suicide.
	(3) (a) Beginning in 2008, on or before November 30 of each year, the Department of
	Health shall present a report on the information described in Subsection (2) to the Health and
	<u>Human Services Interim Committee.</u>
	(b) The information described in Subsection (3)(a) may not contain any identifying
	information regarding any person to whom the information described in Subsection (2) relates.
	(4) Within funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, the medical

- 59 examiner shall provide compensation, at a standard rate determined by the medical examiner,
- 60 to a deputy medical examiner who collects samples for the purposes described in Subsection
- 61 <u>(1).</u>

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## H.B. 302 - Medical Examiner - Testing for Substances in Cases of Suspected Suicide

# **Fiscal Note**

## 2007 General Session State of Utah

#### **State Impact**

Enactment of this bill requires an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$7,200 to the Department of Health.

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2007 FY 2008 FY 2009
	Approp.	Approp.	Approp.	Revenue Revenue Revenue
General Fund	\$0	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$0 \$0
Total	\$0	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$0 \$0 \$0
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#### Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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