

1 **MEDICAL EXAMINER AMENDMENTS**

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Merrill F. Nelson**

5 Senate Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **§→ [Committee Note:**

9 ~~———— The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee recommended this bill.~~

10 ~~———— Legislative Vote: 15 voting for 0 voting against 1 absent] ←§~~

11 **General Description:**

12 This bill amends the Utah Medical Examiner Act.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This bill:

- 15 ▶ requires the chief medical examiner to investigate deaths resulting directly from
- 16 actions of a law enforcement officer;
- 17 ▶ prohibits providing false information to the chief medical examiner, establishing a
- 18 criminal penalty; and
- 19 ▶ makes technical changes.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 AMENDS:

26 **26-4-7**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 183

27 **26-4-10**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1981, Chapter 126



59 ~~Certification of the cause of death or signature on the certificate of death by any other person is~~
60 ~~a class B misdemeanor.]~~

61 (1) (a) For a death under any of the circumstances described in Section 26-4-7, only the
62 medical examiner or the medical examiner's designee may certify the cause of death.

63 (b) An individual who ~~§~~→ knowingly ←~~§~~ certifies the cause of death in violation of
63a Subsection (1)(a) is
64 guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

65 (2) (a) For a death described in Section 26-4-7, an individual may not knowingly give
66 false information, with the intent to mislead, to the medical examiner or the medical examiner's
67 designee.

68 (b) A violation of Subsection (2)(a) is a class B misdemeanor.