

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1935, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 4, delete lines 24 to 36

1.3 Page 5, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert:

1.4 "(b) The coroner or medical examiner shall, as soon as possible, but no more than 24
 1.5 hours after the discovery of the decedent's body, exercise good faith efforts to give verbal
 1.6 or written notice to the surviving relative of the decedent of the intended autopsy. This
 1.7 verbal or written notice must include offering to provide written materials explaining the
 1.8 death investigation process or providing the surviving relative the office's Web site address
 1.9 where this information is located. These written materials and Web site must include
 1.10 information regarding Minnesota's law concerning religious objections to autopsies. A
 1.11 record summarizing verbal communication with a surviving relative must be maintained
 1.12 indefinitely in the coroner or medical examiner's records. If, despite a good faith effort, no
 1.13 surviving family members can be found within 24 hours of the discovery of the decedent's
 1.14 body, the autopsy may proceed without further delay.

1.15 (c) If the surviving relative of the decedent does not object to the autopsy on
 1.16 religious grounds, the autopsy may be performed without delay.

1.17 (d) If a surviving relative of the decedent objects to the autopsy on religious grounds,
 1.18 an autopsy must not be performed, unless the coroner or medical examiner determines
 1.19 that there is a compelling state interest to perform the autopsy. The coroner or medical
 1.20 examiner may require a surviving relative, or a person representing a class of surviving
 1.21 relatives, to present an affidavit stating the person's relationship to the decedent, any
 1.22 religious affiliation of the decedent, that the decedent had a religious objection to an
 1.23 autopsy and the basis for that belief, and that the relative will assume responsibility for the
 1.24 lawful disposition of the body of the deceased."

1.25 Page 5, line 3, delete "(c)" and insert "(e)"

1.26 Page 5, line 5, delete everything after "delay" and insert a period

1.27 Page 5, delete lines 6 and 7

- 2.1 Page 5, line 8, delete "(d)" and insert "(f)"
- 2.2 Page 5, line 11, delete "(e)" and insert "(g)"
- 2.3 Page 5, line 25, delete "(f)" and insert "(h)" and delete "based on a compelling state
- 2.4 interest" and insert "after a religious objection"
- 2.5 Page 5, line 29, delete "(g)" and insert "(i)"