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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO:

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Department of Health and Social Services

FROM:

April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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DATE:

July 21, 2020

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Health and Social Services

Department of Health and Social Services regulations re: post-mortem services, medicolegal death investigations, and medical death examinations (7 AAC 35.310 - 7

AAC 35.390)

Attorney General File:

2018200081

Regulation Filed:

7/21/2020

Effective Date:

8/20/2020

Print:

235, October 2020

cc with enclosures:

Harry Hale, Department of Law

Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

The attached 7 pages of regulations, dealing with Embalming & Other Post-Mortem Services; Medicolegal Death Investigation (7 AAC 35.500-.590), are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Health and Social Services adopts under the authority of AS 12.65.005, AS 12.65.015, AS 12.65.020, AS 13.75.020, AS 18.05.040, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the Department of Health & Social Services paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Adam Crum Digitally signed by Adam Crum Date: 2020.07.15 08:41:28 -08'00'

Adam Crum, Commissioner Department of Health & Social Services

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on 20 20, at 2:24 pm., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 -44.62.120.

Effective:

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Register:

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th, 2018.

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KEVIN MEYER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Chapter 35. Embalming and Other Post-Mortem Services.

7 AAC 35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Article

- 1. Disposition of Human Remains (7 AAC 35.010 7 AAC 35.130)
- Cost of Post-Mortem Examinations, Autopsies, Embalming and Related Services (7 AAC 35.140 7 AAC 35.150)
- Autopsies, State Medical Examiner Office [GENERAL PROVISIONS] (7 AAC
 35.200 7 AAC 35.290)
- 4. Medicolegal Death Investigation, State Medical Examiner Office (7 AAC 35.300 7 AAC 35.390)

Article 4. Medicolegal Death Investigation, State Medical Examiner Office.

Section

- 310. Investigating reported deaths
- 320. Assuming jurisdiction
- 330. Transportation
- 340. Personal property
- 350. Release of remains
- 360. Viewing of remains
- 390. Definitions

7 AAC 35.310. Investigating reported deaths. (a) A medicolegal death investigator shall perform, for the state medical examiner, a medicolegal death investigation of each death reported under AS 12.65.005.

- (b) The state medical examiner, after evaluating all available information gathered during the medicolegal death investigation, may
- (1) assume jurisdiction for the purpose of performing the remainder of the medical death examination under AS 12.65.020;
- (2) determine whether to transport the body to the office or another location for an examination;
 - (3) determine the manner and cause of death; and
 - (4) determine or confirm identity. (Eff. \$\frac{120}{2020}\$, Register 235)

Authority: AS 12.65.015

AS 12.65.020

AS 18.05.040

7 AAC 35.320. Assuming jurisdiction. (a) Only the state medical examiner may assume jurisdiction after evaluating all the available information gathered during the medicolegal death investigation.

- (b) The state medical examiner, after evaluating all available information gathered during the medicolegal death investigation,
- (1) will assume jurisdiction on an apparent homicide, and the department will transport the remains of the deceased person to the office or another location for examination;
- (2) will assume jurisdiction on the following, and the department may transport the remains of the deceased person to the office or another location for examination:

- (A) an apparent accident;
- (B) an apparent suicide;
- (3) may assume jurisdiction on the following, and the department may transport the remains of the deceased person to the office or another location for examination:
 - (A) a stillborn infant;
 - (B) a death that occurred while the deceased person was in the custody of, or was being taken into the custody of, the state or a political subdivision of the state or a public officer or agent of the state or a political subdivision of the state;
 - (C) a death that occurred in a jail or corrections facility owned or operated by the state or a political subdivision of the state or in a facility for the placement of persons in the custody or under the supervision of the state;
 - (D) a death that apparently resulted from a disease that constitutes a threat to public health;
 - (E) a death associated with a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure;
 - (F) an apparently natural death that occurred suddenly when the decedent was in apparent good health;
 - (G) an apparently natural, unattended death; and
- (4) will decline jurisdiction, except as provided in (1) and (2) of this subsection, on a case if, in the opinion of the state medical examiner, the death does not warrant further investigation. (Eff. 8/10/1000, Register 235)

Authority: AS 12.65.015 AS 12.65.020 AS 18.05.040

7 AAC 35.330. Transportation. (a) If the state medical examiner or the deputy medical examiner orders transportation of the remains of the deceased person under AS 12.65.020(a)(4), the department is responsible for transportation of the remains as described in AS 12.65.025.

- (b) The department will determine the mode of transportation to the applicable location under AS 12.65.025 and back to the community closest to the location of the death.
- (c) Remains transported directly from the applicable location under AS 12.65.025 following examination will be shipped in a container that is appropriate for human remains and complies with the requirements in 7 AAC 35.100. (Eff. 3/20/2000, Register 235)

 Authority: AS 12.65.015 AS 12.65.020 AS 18.05.040

7 AAC 35.340. Personal property. (a) A medicolegal death investigator has the primary responsibility for gathering, safeguarding, and transferring personal property of the decedent.

- (b) Any item present at the scene and relevant to the medical death investigation must remain at the scene and must be made available to the medicolegal death investigator to examine and photograph before the investigating agency removes it.
- (c) If the remains of the deceased person need to be transported to the office or applicable location under AS 12.65.025, the personal effects on or about the remains or other item at the scene may be brought to the office if the item may be evidence.
- (d) Before transporting the remains of the deceased person to the office, the medicolegal death investigator may release directly to the family of the deceased person a personal item that is not evidence.
 - (e) The personal property that the office releases may be picked up directly from the

office, released to a funeral home, or shipped by the office. (Eff. 8/20/200, Register 235)

Authority:

AS 12.65.015

AS 12.65.020

AS 18.05.040

7 AAC 35.350. Release of remains. (a) The office will release the remains of a deceased person after it receives a signed *Authorization for Release of Remains* form, dated April 7, 2014, adopted by reference, completed by a person authorized under AS 13.75.020.

- (b) The state medical examiner may place a hold the remains of a deceased person at a funeral home, hospital, or other site approved by the state medical examiner if the medicolegal death investigator was unable to answer some investigative questions when the investigator completed the initial death report.
- (c) If the state medical examiner declines jurisdiction, and the remains of the deceased person will be released directly from the scene, the following applies:
- (1) if the person died at home, and the family was present, the remains will be released directly to the family;
- (2) if the person died at home, and no family was present, the remains will be released to the investigating agency;
- (3) if the person died in a hospital, the remains will be released to that hospital.

 (Eff. 8 /20 /200, Register 235)

Authority:

AS 12.65.015

AS 12.65.020

AS 18.05.040

Editor's note: The Authorization for Release of Remains form, adopted by reference in 7 AAC 35.350 is available at the State Medical Examiner Office at 5455 Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99507; telephone: (907) 334-2200; fax: (907) 334-2216; e-mail: medical.examiner@alaska.gov; Internet address:

http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/MedicalExaminer/Pages/default.aspx.

viewed while in the custody of the department as part of a medicolegal death investigation or under the jurisdiction of the state medical examiner as part of a medical death examination. (Eff.

% /20 /2020, Register 235)

Authority: AS 12.65.020 AS 18.05.040

7 AAC 35.390. Definitions. In 7 AAC 35.310 - 7 AAC 35.390, unless the context requires otherwise,

- (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;
- (2) "family" means persons authorized to control disposition of a deceased person's remains under AS 13.75.020;
- (3) "jurisdiction" means responsibility for performing the remainder of a medical death examination under AS 12.65.020, determining the manner and cause of death, and verifying the deceased person's identity;
- (4) "medicolegal death investigation" means the process at the start of a medical death examination to assess each death reported to the department under AS 12.65.005, so that the state medical examiner may determine whether to assume jurisdiction for the purpose of performing the remainder of the medical death examination under AS 12.65.020;

- (5) "medicolegal death investigator" means a public employee or contractor in the service of the office who performs the initial death investigation; in this paragraph, "initial death investigation" includes taking reports of death, investigating scenes, collecting records, interviewing witnesses, and serving subpoenas on behalf of the state medical examiner;
 - (6) "office" means the state medical examiner office in the department;
 - (7) "personal property" means clothing and personal items;
 - (8) "remains" means a body or any part of a body;
- (9) "unattended death" means the death of a person who has not been examined or prescribed medication by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse within the year before death. (Eff. 8 /20 /2020, Register 235)

Authority: AS 12.65.005 AS 12.65.020 AS 18.05.040

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Law

To: The Honorable Kevin Meyer

Lieutenant Governor

Date: July 17, 2020

File No.: 2018200081

Tel. No.: 465-3600

Thru: Susan R. Pollard SRP

Chief Assistant Attorney General

and Regulations Attorney

Legislation and Regulations Section

From: Steven C. Weaver SCW

Senior Assistant Attorney General Legislation and Regulations Section Re: Department of Health and Social Services regulations re: post-mortem services, medicolegal death investigations, and medical death examinations (7 AAC 35.310 -

7 AAC 35.390)

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Health and Social Services against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Department of Health and Social Services after the close of the public comment period. The regulations establish procedures and requirements concerning medical death investigations under AS 12.65.020 and the medicolegal death investigations that are components of those investigations.

The January 28, 2020 public notice and the July 15, 2020 adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

SCW

cc w/enc.:

Hon. Adam Crum, Commissioner

Department of Health and Social Services

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Human Services Section

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Health & Social Services proposes to change regulations on medicolegal death investigation.

The Department of Health & Social Services proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 7 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with medicolegal death investigation, including the following:

7 AAC 35. Embalming and Other Post-Mortem Services, is proposed to be changed as follows:

- Add a new article, Medicolegal Death Investigation, State Medical Examiner Office, to
 - o clarify the death investigation process to include state jurisdiction;
 - o clarify who can claim a decedent and decedent's property;
 - o clarify procedure to view a decedent; and
 - o define terminology.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Mr. Stephen J. Hoage, at the State Medical Examiner's Office, 5455 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99507. Additionally, the Department of Health & Social Services will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 334-2216 and by electronic mail at stephen.hoage@alaska.gov. The comments must be received not later than 5 p.m. on March 24, 2020.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on March 19, 2020, at Suite 756, Frontier Building, 3601 C Street, Anchorage, AK 99503. The hearing will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 12:15 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to comment during the oral public hearing, you can call the teleconference number 1-(888)-392-4560 (Toll Free), and use the participant code 54391245#.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Mr. Stephen Hoage, by e-mail at stephen.hoage@alaska.gov, or by mail at the State Medical Examiner's Office, 5455 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99507. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Health & Social Services will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Mr. Stephen Hoage at stephen.hoage@alaska.gov or at (907) 334-2202 no later than March 11, 2020, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by

contacting Mr. Stephen Hoage at stephen.hoage@alaska.gov , or at (907) 334-2202.

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Statutory authority: AS 12.65.005; AS 12.65.015; AS 12.65.020; AS 13.75.020; AS 18.05.040.

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DATE: January 23, 2020. /s/Adam Crum Commissioner, Department of Health & Social Services.

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION

(AS 44.62.190(d))

1.	Adopting agency: Department of Health and Social Services				
2.	General subject of regulation: Medicolegal Death Investigation				
3.	Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 7 AAC 35.500590				
4.	Department of Law file number, if any: 2018200081				
5.	Reason for the proposed action: () Compliance with federal law or action (identify):				
6.	Appropriation/Allocation: N/A				
7	Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to: None. A private person: \$0. Another state agency: \$0. A municipality: \$0.				
8. =	Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): None.				
	Operating Cost Capital Cost	Initial Year FY \$ \$	Subsequent Years \$ \$		
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9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Name: Mr. Stephen Hoage

Title: Medicolegal Investigator IV

Address: 5455 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, Anchorage, AK 99507

Telephone: (907) 334-2202

E-mail address: stephen.hoage@alaska.gov

10.	The origin of the proposed action:
	X_ Staff of state agency Federal government General public Petition for regulation change ⁷ Other (identify):
11.	Date: 12/30/2019 Prepared by: 28 [signature]
	Name (printed): Mr. Stephen Hoage Title (printed): Medicolegal Investigator IV
	Telephone: (907) 334-2202

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Stephen J. Hoage, Medicolegal Investigator IV, of the Department of Health & Social Services, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 7 AAC 35.500-.590. Embalming & Other Post-Mortem Services; Medicolegal Death Investigation, has been given by being

- published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- (2) furnished to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed action with the state agency;
- (3) furnished to appropriate state officials;
- (4) furnished to interested persons;
- (5) furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
- (6) furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- (7) posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1).

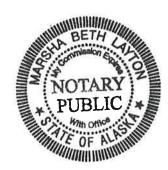
As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (2), (4) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at State Medical Examiner Office

(date)

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

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Signed

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 2020.

Notary Public in and for The State of Alaska.

Third Division Anchorage, Alaska

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

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DATE: January 23, 2020. Department of Health & Social Services.

Published: January 28, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Stephen J. Hoage, Medicolegal Investigator IV, of the Department of Health & Social Services, being sworn, state the following:

The Department of Health & Social Services did not receive any factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing or orally as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the Department of Health & Social Services regulation on 7 AAC 35.500-.590. Embalming & Other Post-Mortem Services; Medicolegal Death Investigation.

Date: 3/3/2020

Stephen J. Hoage, Medicolegal Investigator IV

Subscribed and sworn to before me at <u>State Medical Examiner Office</u> or

(date)

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

[NOTARY SEAL]



AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING

I, Stephen J. Hoage, Medicolegal Investigator IV, of the Department of Health & Social Services, being sworn, state the following:

On March 19, 2020, at 9 a.m., in room 756, Frontier Building, 3601 C Street, Anchorage, AK 99503, I presided over a public hearing held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 7 AAC 35.500-.590. Embalming & Other Post-Mortem Services; Medicolegal Death Investigation.

Date: 3/31/2020

Stephen J. Hoage, Medicolegal Investigator IV

Subscribed and sworn to before me at State Medical Examiner Office or

(date)

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

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