

Statute Change Relating to Coroners

Message from Jerry Goin, President of the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association

" I will try to condense the newly revised statutes, RSMo 58.451, 58.720, 58.775 and 58.785. The new statutes have been posted on the Internet ([www.mcmea.org](http://www.mcmea.org)). They can also be found under the Joint Bill Tracking SB 1139, Uniform Anatomical Gift Act and also on the website of the Missouri State Legislature / Joint Bill Tracking / in search put in SB 1139 / Full Bill Text / Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed.

When a person is transferred from one county to another county and dies due to the result of, homicide, suicide, accident, criminal abortion or self-induced, child fatality, or any unusual or suspicious manner, the place of death shall be where the person is determined to be dead. The coroner or medical examiner from the original transferring county shall be responsible for investigating and determining the cause and manner of death and shall be responsible for that portion of the Missouri Certificate of Death and for signing the certificate.

For example: A person is involved in an automobile accident in County A, that person is rushed to a hospital in County B, the person dies at the hospital in County B. The coroner of County A, (where the manner of death began) will be responsible for investigating the death, completing the cause and manner portion and for signing the Missouri Death Certificate, with the place of death being in County B, where the person was pronounced dead, and that county is where the death certificate will be filed with the county health department ."

Thanks.... Jerry L. Goin, President, MCMEA