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3 By Senator Coleman-Madison
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to medical examiners; to require medical
6 examiners to notify the next of kin, through the appropriate
7 law enforcement agency, when retaining a deceased person's
8 organ or organs for additional testing related to a
9 determination of the cause or manner of death; and to prohibit
10 medical examiners from retaining an organ of the deceased for
11 research or other purposes not in conjunction with a
12 determination of identification, cause, or manner of death
13 without notification to, and approval by, the next of kin.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. (a) Unless directed otherwise by the
16 Governor, the Attorney General, a district attorney, or an
17 order of a circuit court judge, a medical examiner performing
18 his or her duties in any county in this state as provided
19 under existing law, including a medical examiner employed by
20 the Department of Forensic Sciences, shall notify the next of
21 kin, through the appropriate law enforcement agency, when
22 retaining a deceased person's entire organ or organs for
23 additional testing that is required to determine
24 identification or the cause or manner of death.

1 (b) A medical examiner performing his or her duties
2 in any county in this state as provided under existing law,
3 including a medical examiner employed by the Department of
4 Forensic Sciences, is prohibited from retaining a deceased
5 person's entire organ or organs for research or any other
6 purpose not in conjunction with a determination of
7 identification or cause or manner of death without
8 notification to, and approval by, the appropriate next of kin.

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
10 first day of the third month following its passage and
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 01-APR-21

By: Senator Coleman-Madison