STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

SENATE BILL 207   By: Bice

<u>AS INTRODUCED</u>

An Act relating to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 945, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 2014 (63 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 945), which relates to autopsy reports; requiring redaction of certain information; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1.   AMENDATORY   63 O.S. 2011, Section 945, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 2014 (63 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 945), is amended to read as follows:

Section 945. <u>A.</u> When properly authorized, an autopsy shall be performed by the Chief Medical Examiner or such person as may be designated by him or her for such purpose. The Chief Medical Examiner or a person designated by him or her may authorize arterial embalming of the body prior to the autopsy when such embalming would in his or her opinion not interfere with the autopsy. The extent of the autopsy shall be made as is deemed necessary by the person performing the autopsy. A full and complete report of the facts developed by the autopsy together with the findings of the person

1 making it shall be prepared and filed in the Office of the Chief

2 Medical Examiner without unnecessary delay. Copies of such reports

3 and findings shall be furnished to district attorneys and law

4 enforcement officers making a criminal investigation in connection

5 with the death.

6   B. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall redact all

7 cause of death information prior to making autopsy reports available

8 to media outlets and persons without a demonstrable family relation

9 to the deceased.

10   SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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