



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 933

HOUSE BILL NO. 1913

By Representatives Eldridge, Hulsey, Carr, Sherrell, Littleton, Helton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1866

By Senator Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, relative to deceased prisoners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-221, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) Whenever an inmate dies in the penitentiary, the warden shall forthwith notify the commissioner of correction, if practicable, and summon at least one (1) licensed physician of the county of the prison to examine the body of the deceased, whose duty it is to attend and ascertain, as nearly as may be, the cause of death, and report the cause to the commissioner. The warden shall also notify the county medical examiner or the state chief medical examiner in accordance with title 38, chapter 7.

(b) Disposition of the body must be consistent with the provisions for the disposition of dead bodies in accordance with title 68, chapter 4.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 13, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29th day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR