

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5739

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Preparing certificates of death or fetal death.

Sponsors: Senators Thibaudeau and Deccio.

Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

House Committee on Health Care

Background: Currently the Washington Administrative Code authorizes physician's assistants to sign and attest to death certificates. The Administrative Code also gives an advanced registered nurse practitioner-certified midwife the authority to certify death or fetal death. These responsibilities, however, are not currently reflected in the Revised Code of Washington's provisions regarding death certificates.

Summary: A funeral director or person in charge of interment may present a certificate of death to a physician's assistant or an advanced registered nurse practitioner to certify death or fetal death when he or she is the last person in attendance of the deceased.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate			(Amendment ruled beyond scope)
House	98	0	(House receded)

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