

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2585**

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

May 29

1 On page 2 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 2 through 5 and insert:

2 “(6)(a) If the Search and Rescue Coordinator and a county sheriff investigate a person missing
3 in the wilderness or a forested environment and determine that the person is believed to be de-
4 ceased, the sheriff shall send documentation of the investigation and determination to the Chief
5 Medical Examiner.

6 “(b) Within seven days after receiving documentation under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the
7 Chief Medical Examiner shall evaluate the credibility of the investigation and the determination
8 that the person is believed to be deceased.

9 “(c) If the Chief Medical Examiner, based on the evaluation under paragraph (b) of this sub-
10 section and the Chief Medical Examiner’s field of expertise, determines that there is no reasonable
11 suspicion that the person is not deceased, the Chief Medical Examiner shall complete and file a re-
12 port of death for the person believed to be deceased within 45 days after making the determination.

13 “(d)(A) If the Chief Medical Examiner, based on the evaluation under paragraph (b) of this sub-
14 section and the Chief Medical Examiner’s field of expertise, determines that there is a reasonable
15 suspicion that the person is not deceased, the Chief Medical Examiner shall report to the sheriff
16 with the basis for the determination and a list of any missing information that would aid the Chief
17 Medical Examiner in evaluating the credibility of the investigation and the determination that the
18 person is believed to be deceased.

19 “(B) Upon receiving a report under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the sheriff shall make
20 a reasonable effort to provide the missing information listed by the Chief Medical Examiner.

21 “(C) After issuing a report under this paragraph, the Chief Medical Examiner shall continue the
22 death investigation in conjunction with the sheriff and the Search and Rescue Coordinator until the
23 sheriff issues a final report on the missing person. If, at any time, the Chief Medical Examiner de-
24 termines, based on the Chief Medical Examiner’s field of expertise, that there is no reasonable sus-
25 picion that the person is not deceased, the Chief Medical Examiner shall complete and file a report
26 of death for the person believed to be deceased within 45 days after making the determination.”.

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