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Senate Bill 619

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AND WOODRUM

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to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §61-12-16, relating to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; providing for
3 the final disposition of unidentified and unclaimed remains in the possession of the Office
4 of the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to legislative rule; and providing for emergency
5 legislative rulemaking allowing for the final disposition of unidentified and unclaimed
6 remains.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 12. POSTMORTEM EXAMINATIONS.

§61-12-16. Disposition of unidentified or unclaimed remains pursuant to legislative rule.

1 The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall propose rules for legislative approval in
2 accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code which provide for the disposition
3 of unidentified or unclaimed remains in the possession of the Office of the Chief Medical
4 Examiner.

5 Further, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall promulgate emergency rules
6 pursuant to §29A-3-15 of this code providing for the disposition of unidentified or unclaimed
7 remains in their possession.