



2025 South Dakota Legislature
Senate Bill 72
ENROLLED

AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to revise the payor of autopsy costs in certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 23-14-9.2 be AMENDED:

23-14-9.2. A physician or surgeon appointed under § 23-14-9.1, or the coroner if the coroner is a physician or surgeon providing services pursuant to § 23-14-9.1, shall receive a reasonable fee for services rendered, as approved by the board of county commissioners. The board shall pay the fee out of the general fund of the county.

The decedent's county of residence must reimburse the county in which the autopsy occurred for the cost of the autopsy if:

- (1) The death occurred in a county other than the decedent's county of residence; and
- (2) The county of residence requested the autopsy or is the site where the accident or injury leading to the death occurred.

If a perpetrator of a crime dies during the commission of the crime, or the perpetrator commits suicide subsequent to the commission of the crime, the county that paid for the autopsy may recover the cost of the autopsy and any other related expenses from the perpetrator's estate.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in
the:
Senate as Bill No. 72

Received at this Executive Office
this ____ day of _____,
2025 at _____ M.

Secretary of the Senate

By _____
for the Governor

President of the Senate

The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
_____, A.D., 2025

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

Office of the Secretary of State

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Filed _____, 2025
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Chief Clerk

Secretary of State

Senate Bill No. 72
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Chapter No. _____

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State