

2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 72**AMENDMENT 72C
FOR THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGROSSED BILL**

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

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

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

4 **23-14-9.2.** A physician or surgeon appointed under § 23-14-9.1, or the coroner if
5 the coroner is a physician or surgeon providing services pursuant to § 23-14-9.1, shall
6 receive a reasonable fee for ~~his services to be ascertained and rendered, as~~ approved by
7 the board of county commissioners ~~and paid. The board shall pay the fee~~ out of the general
8 fund of the county. ~~If the coroner is a physician or surgeon, he may personally perform~~
9 ~~such autopsy; and he shall receive a reasonable fee for his services to be ascertained and~~
10 ~~approved by the board of county commissioners and paid out of the general fund of the~~
11 ~~county.~~

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

14 (1) ~~The death or autopsy occurs~~ occurred in a county other than the ~~decedents'~~
15 ~~decedent's~~ county of residence, ~~the county of residence shall reimburse the county~~
16 ~~where the autopsy occurred for the cost of the autopsy, provided that the; and~~

17 (2) ~~The county of residence either requested~~ requested the autopsy or is the site where
18 the accident or injury leading to the death occurred.

19 If a perpetrator of a crime dies during the commission of the crime, or the
20 perpetrator commits suicide subsequent to the commission of the crime, the county ~~in~~
21 which the crime occurred that paid for the autopsy may recover the cost of the autopsy
22 and any other related expenses from the ~~person's perpetrator's~~ estate.