

1 HOUSE BILL 586

2 54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF
12 MEDICAL INVESTIGATORS TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR NEXT OF KIN TO
13 REQUEST REVIEW OF THE CAUSE AND MANNER OF A DEATH.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. Section 24-11-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
17 Chapter 112, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "24-11-2. MEETINGS--DUTIES.--

19 A. The board of medical [~~investigations~~]
20 investigators shall meet at least annually and as often as
21 necessary to conduct the business of the board. Additional
22 meetings may be called by the [~~chairman~~] chair or by a majority
23 of the members of the board.

24 B. At the first annual meeting of the board, the
25 members shall elect one of their number as [~~chairman~~] chair.

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1 C. The board of medical [~~investigations~~]
2 investigators shall formulate broad policy for the operation of
3 the office of the state medical investigator and the offices of
4 the district medical investigators, including adopting and
5 promulgating rules to provide for a process for a next of kin
6 of an individual whose circumstances of death gave rise to a
7 medical investigation to request review of the cause and manner
8 of a death.

9 D. The board of medical [~~investigations~~]
10 investigators shall employ and fix the compensation of a
11 qualified state medical investigator who shall be assigned as
12 an employee of the university of New Mexico school of
13 medicine."