HOUSE BILL NO. 645

INTRODUCED BY FABREGA

IN THE HOUSE

February 20, 1979 February 21, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks. Second reading, do pass.
February 22, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Safety.
March 13, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 14, 1979	Motion pass consideration.
March 15, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 17, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

March 19, 1979

Returned from second house.
Concurred in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF THE COUNTY CORONER IN THE CARE AND DISPOSITION OF DEAD BODIES."

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Section 1. Dead bodies to be held pending investigation. (1) A dead body in the custody of a county coroner shall be held until such time as the coroner after consultation with appropriate law enforcement officials and the county attorney, establishes that it is not necessary to hold the body to determine the reasonable and true cause of death or that the body is no longer necessary to assist any local investigations.

- (2) A dead body may not be held longer than 12 hours
 from the time the county coroner is notified of the deathSection 2. Removal of a dead body. (1) If a county
 does not provide a morgue or morgue facilities for the use
 of the county coroner, the coroner may use existing hospital
 facilities for such purposes.
- (2) When a post-mortem examination is completed at the county morgue facility or hospital facility used for that purpose, the county coroner shall order the remains

- 1 released, upon request of the person lawfully entitled to
- 2 custody of the deceased person's remains, to a funeral home.
- 3 (3) A post-mortem examination may be conducted at a
 - funeral home when so ordered by the county coroner-

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Approved by Comm. on Local Government

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