

**72.027 Inquiry regarding sudden unexpected death in epilepsy in post-mortem examination -- When required -- Reporting.**

- (1) For the purposes of this section, "SUDEP" means sudden unexpected death in epilepsy.
- (2)
  - (a) All autopsies conducted in this state as required by KRS 72.025 shall include, if requested by an immediate family member of the deceased to the coroner, an inquiry to determine whether the death is a direct result of a seizure or epilepsy. If the finding in an autopsy is consistent with SUDEP, the coroner shall indicate on the death certificate that SUDEP is the cause or suspected cause of death.
  - (b) If SUDEP is written as the cause or suspected cause of death, the Vital Statistics Branch shall forward a copy of the death certificate to the North American SUDEP Registry at the Langone Medical Center at New York University within thirty (30) days.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note** (7/15/2024). 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 98, sec. 2, provides that the Act, which created this statute, may be cited as Jami's Law.