

1 AN ACT relating to autopsies.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 72.460 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1) "Family" for the purposes of this section means a parent, spouse, child, brother,**
5 **or sister of a decedent.**

6 **(2)** The cost of autopsies shall be paid for by the fiscal court; provided, however, that
7 the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Office of the Kentucky State Medical
8 Examiner, may contract with pathologists and toxicologists and chemists and pay
9 for such autopsies within the budgetary limitations of funds appropriated by the
10 General Assembly for this purpose.

11 **(3) A family of a decedent may request to pay for the autopsy of a deceased person. If**
12 **the family makes such a request, the autopsy shall be performed at the family's**
13 **expense.**