

1 AN ACT relating to sudden unexpected death in epilepsy.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For the purposes of this section, "SUDEP" means sudden unexpected death in*
6 *epilepsy.*

7 *(2) A physician or health care provider who has diagnosed and established a*
8 *treatment plan for a patient with convulsive epilepsy is encouraged to provide the*
9 *patient with information about SUDEP, including but not limited to risk,*
10 *incidence, and steps to reduce the risk of SUDEP.*

11 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 72 IS CREATED TO
12 READ AS FOLLOWS:

13 *(1) For the purposes of this section, "SUDEP" means sudden unexpected death in*
14 *epilepsy.*

15 *(2) All autopsies conducted in this state as required by KRS 72.025 shall include, if*
16 *requested by an immediate family member of the deceased, an inquiry to*
17 *determine whether the death is a direct result of a seizure or epilepsy. If the*
18 *finding in an autopsy is consistent with SUDEP, the coroner shall:*

19 *(a) Indicate on the death certificate that SUDEP is the cause or suspected*
20 *cause of death; and*

21 *(b) Forward a copy of the death certificate to the North American SUDEP*
22 *Registry at the Langone Medical Center at New York University within*
23 *thirty (30) days.*

24 ➔Section 3. This Act may be cited as Jami's Law.