

House Bill 244

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to death investigations, so as to provide for certain notification requirements; to
3 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
7 death investigations, is amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 45-16-22,
8 relating to medical examiners' inquiries, as follows:

9 "(f) When death occurs in a hospital as a direct result and consequence of acts or events
10 taking place in a county other than the one in which such death occurs, the body shall be
11 returned to the county in which such acts or events took place. The hospital where the
12 pronouncement of death was made shall within 24 hours notify the coroner of the county
13 where the original acts or events resulting in the death occurred. When a dead body is
14 found in a county in which the acts or events leading to death did not occur, it shall be
15 returned to the county in which the acts or events did occur, if known. The coroner or local
16 medical examiner of the county in which such acts or events took place shall assume
17 jurisdiction and the medical examiner's inquiry, if any performed, shall be paid for from
18 funds of the county in which such acts or events took place."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed