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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1481

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Representative Dobervich

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 44-04-18.7 of the North
- 2 Dakota Century Code, relating to exempt records of coroners and medical examiners; and to
- 3 amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23-02.1-27 and subdivision a of subsection 2 of
- 4 section 44-04-18.18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to access to death records and
- 5 training of coroner and medical personnel.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 23-02.1-27 of the North Dakota
 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
 - A certified copy of a complete death record may be issued to a relative, an authorized representative, the child fatality review board, a licensed physician, or a genetic sibling for the purposes of researching family medical history; a funeral director, coroner, medical examiner, or state forensic examiner reporting the facts of death, or; a person with personal or real property interests that depend upon information contained in the complete death record; or by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, and may include the cause of death and the social security number. A certified copy of the facts of death record that includes the facts of death and the social security number may be issued to any person that may obtain a certified copy of a complete death record or to any licensed attorney who requires the copy for a bona fide legal determination. A certified copy of an informational death record may be issued to the general public, but the copy may not contain the cause of death or the social security number.
 - **SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 44-04-18.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
 - An image taken by a coroner, a medical examiner, or coroner or medical examiner personnel, using a digital camera or similar device is an exempt record.

1	SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 44-04-18.18 of the			
2	North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:			
3	a.	Afte	r redacting all information identifying the decedent, including name, address	
4		and	social security number, and anonymizing facial recognition, a medical	
5		examiner, coroner, or physician may use an autopsy photograph, image, or		
6		recording for:		
7		(1)	Medical or scientific teaching or training purposes;	
8		(2)	Teaching or training of law enforcement personnel;	
9		(3)	Teaching or training of attorneys or others with a bona fide professional	
10			need to use or understand forensic science;	
11		(4)	Conferring with medical or scientific experts; or	
12		(5)	Publication in a scientific or medical journal or textbook; or	
13		<u>(6)</u>	Teaching or training of coroner personnel or other licensed or certified	
14			medical professionals.	