

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 2511

By: Pittman

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health; establishing  
8 requirements under the Maternal Mortality Review Act;  
9 providing requirements for reporting autopsies;  
10 providing for codification; and providing an  
11 effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-242.5 of Title 63, unless  
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. For the purposes of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee,  
17 hospitals and licensed birth centers must make a reasonable and  
18 good-faith effort to report all deaths that occur during pregnancy  
19 or within one (1) year of termination of pregnancy to the local  
20 coroner or medical examiner for consideration of an autopsy.

21 B. These deaths must be reported within seventy-two (72) hours  
22 after the death occurs.  
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1 C. Medical examiners to whom the death was reported shall  
2 conduct a death investigation, with autopsy strongly recommended but  
3 not required.

4 D. Autopsies must follow the guidelines for performance of an  
5 autopsy as regulated by the State Department of Health.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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