

SENATE FILE NO. SF0075

Coroner investigations-disposition of decedent's property.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Case, Crago and Landen and  
Representative(s) Haroldson and Provenza

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to county coroners; amending the  
2 disposition of property for decedents without personal  
3 representatives or next of kin; specifying the disposition  
4 of proceeds; making conforming amendments; and providing  
5 for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-4-207(b) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (c) is amended to read:

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12 **7-4-207. Disposition of body and effects of deceased.**

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14 (b) The coroner shall, within a reasonable time after  
15 completing the investigation, turn over to the appointed

1 personal representative of the estate of the deceased or,  
2 if none, ~~to the clerk of the district court of the county,~~  
3 the coroner shall dispose of all money or other property  
4 found upon the body of the deceased in accordance with  
5 subsection (c) of this section. Personal items valued at  
6 less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and items necessary for  
7 the convenience of the deceased's next of kin may be  
8 released to the deceased's next of kin.

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10 (c) If there is no personal representative of the  
11 estate and if the deceased's next of kin does not claim the  
12 money and property found upon the body of the deceased  
13 within one hundred eighty (180) days, the coroner shall  
14 cause the property to be sold at public auction to the  
15 highest bidder or by any other means of sale adopted by the  
16 county in which the investigation occurs. All money and any  
17 proceeds from the sale or auction of the property shall  
18 first be used to pay the expenses of the burial in  
19 accordance with subsection (a) of this section. Any  
20 remaining money and proceeds in excess of fifty dollars  
21 (\$50.00) shall be deposited and placed in the custody of  
22 the state treasurer under the Uniform Unclaimed Property  
23 Act.

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2       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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