

ENROLLED ACT NO. 30, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2025 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

(b) The coroner shall, within a reasonable time after completing the investigation, turn over to the appointed personal representative of the estate of the deceased or, if none, ~~to the clerk of the district court of the county,~~ is found the coroner shall make a good faith effort to contact the deceased's next of kin and the coroner shall dispose of all money or other property found upon the body of the deceased in accordance with subsection (c) of this section. Personal items valued at less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and items necessary for the convenience of the deceased's next of kin may be released to the deceased's next of kin.

(c) If there is no personal representative of the estate and if the deceased's next of kin does not claim the money and property found upon the body of the deceased within one hundred eighty (180) days, the coroner shall cause the property to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder or by any other means of sale adopted by the county in which the investigation occurs. All money and any proceeds from the sale or auction of the property shall first be used to pay the expenses of the burial in

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accordance with subsection (a) of this section. Any remaining money and proceeds in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be deposited and placed in the custody of the state treasurer under the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk