

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 a reasonable time, the coroner shall cause the
14 property to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder
15 or by any other means of sale adopted by the county in
16 which the investigation occurs. All money and any proceeds
17 from the sale or auction of the property shall first be
18 used to pay the expenses of the burial in accordance with
19 subsection (a) of this section. Any remaining money and
20 proceeds shall be deposited in the county's general fund.

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

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