



HOUSE BILL 614: The Michael Mitchke F.I.N.E. Law.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 614 would require the performance of an autopsy in any case related to a fire incident in which human remains are found.*

CURRENT LAW:

G.S. 130A-389 requires an autopsy to be performed in the following instances:

- The medical examiner determines it's in the public interest.
- It is requested by the district attorney of the county or any superior court judge.
- The district attorney asserts there is probable cause to believe that a violation of G.S. 14-18.4 (Death by distribution of a controlled substance) has occurred.
- At the request of the deceased's next-of-kin or health care power of attorney.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 614 would require an autopsy be performed in any case related to a fire incident in which human remains are found.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2025, and apply to cases arising on or after that date.

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