

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 187
SENATE BILL 249

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE 21, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
RELATING TO POSTMORTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130-46(e) is amended by deleting the phrase "Secretary of Human Resources" wherever it appears and by substituting the following phrase: "Chief Medical Examiner".

Sec. 2. G.S. 130-197 is amended by deleting the phrase "Secretary of Human Resources" wherever it appears and by substituting the following phrase: "Chief Medical Examiner".

Sec. 3. G.S. 130-197 is further amended by deleting the fifth sentence and by substituting the following: "In the event no licensed doctor accepts an appointment as medical examiner in a county, the Chief Medical Examiner may appoint one or more acting medical examiners from among the following: the local registrar, his deputy registrar, or subregistrar. Any acting medical examiner shall complete a course of training in the functions of the office within three months after appointment."

Sec. 4. G.S. 130-197 is further amended by rewriting the last sentence to read: "In the event the medical examiner of any county, on account of illness or enforced absence or personal interest is unable to serve in any particular case or for a temporary period of time, the Chief Medical Examiner shall then designate some other qualified doctor of medicine in the county, or one or more of the following, to serve in the place of the regular medical examiner in making any examination or report required: the local registrar, his deputy registrar, or subregistrar."

Sec. 5. G.S. 130-199 is amended by deleting the phrase "Secretary of Human Resources" wherever it appears and by substituting the following phrase: "Chief Medical Examiner".

Sec. 6. G.S. 130-199 is further amended by deleting in the next to the last sentence the phrase "the Secretary" and by substituting the following phrase: "the Secretary of Human Resources".

Sec. 7. G.S. 130-200 is amended by deleting the phrase "Secretary of Human Resources" and by substituting the following phrase: "Chief Medical Examiner".

Sec. 8. G.S. 130-202 is amended by deleting the phrase "Secretary of Human Resources" wherever it appears and by substituting the following phrase: "Chief Medical Examiner".

Sec. 9. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of April, 1981.