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Senate File 247

Passed on File. By STUART, BUTLER, SHOEMAN, McCURDY, LONG, HENRY, GILLESPIE, BOOTHBY, HOXIE and WOLF.

Passed Senate, Date..... Passed House, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

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A BILL FOR

An Act to repeal chapter three hundred thirty-nine (339), Code 1958, and to amend various other sections of the Code relating to coroners, and to enact in lieu thereof a substitute creating a board on post-mortem examinations and to prescribe the board's duties, powers and functions; to provide for the appointment of a chief medical examiner, his qualifications, powers, duties and functions and a central office and laboratory; to provide for the appointment of county medical examiners, their qualifications, powers, duties and functions; and to make an appropriation from the general fund.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

This is a Companion Bill; for complete text see House File 260.

EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 247

This bill abolishes the office of coroner in the various counties and eliminates the out-moded quasi-judicial, law enforcement and political aspects of the coroner's office. It substitutes a county medical examiner to take office January 2, 1961, and to be appointed by the county board of supervisors. The bill provides that the county medical examiner shall be a physician and that his duties will consist of making medical determinations. Modern means of examination and analysis will be made available to him through the central office and laboratory of the chief medical examiner, who will be a skilled pathologist appointed by a state board and to take office on January 2, 1961. Cooperation between medical examiners and law-enforcement officials is assured by the bill and each county is assured of expert medical opinion upon cases normally brought before the coroner.



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