

144.56 Autopsy.

1. An autopsy or postmortem examination may be performed upon the body of a deceased person by a physician whenever the written consent to the examination or autopsy has been obtained from the person authorized to control the deceased person's remains under [section 144C.5](#).

2. [This section](#) does not apply to any death investigated under the authority of [sections 331.802 through 331.804](#).

[C75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §144.56; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1207](#)]

[2008 Acts, ch 1051, §3, 22](#); [2021 Acts, ch 80, §76](#)

Referred to in [§144.57](#)