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South Australia

# Coroners (Reportable Death) Amendment Bill 2011

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Coroners Act 2003*.

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**The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:**

## Part 1—Preliminary

### 1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Coroners (Reportable Death) Amendment Act 2011*.

### 2—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

## Part 2—Amendment of *Coroners Act 2003*

### 3—Amendment of section 3—Interpretation

- (1) Section 3—after the definition of *Coroner's Court* or *Court* insert:

*corresponding authorisation*, in relation to the body of a dead person, means an authorisation under a corresponding law by a coroner (within the meaning of that corresponding law) that corresponds to an authorisation—

- (a) for the release of the body of the dead person from the control of the coroner; or

- (b) for the disposal of human remains in respect of the body of the dead person;

***corresponding law*** means—

- (a) the *Coroners Act 1997* (Australian Capital Territory);
- (b) the *Coroners Act 2009* (New South Wales);
- (c) the *Coroners Act* (Northern Territory);
- (d) the *Coroners Act 2003* (Queensland);
- (e) the *Coroners Act 1995* (Tasmania);
- (f) the *Coroners Act 2008* (Victoria);
- (g) the *Coroners Act 1996* (Western Australia);

- (2) Section 3, definition of ***reportable death***—after "State death" insert:

(other than a State death to which subsection (2) applies)

- (3) Section 3—after its current contents as amended by this section (now to be designated as subsection (1)) insert:

- (2) For the purposes of this Act, the death of a person is not reportable if—

- (a) the person dies outside of the State; and
- (b) a coroner under a corresponding law has issued a corresponding authorisation in respect of the body of the dead person.

#### **4—Amendment of section 21—Holding of inquests**

Section 21(1)(b)(i)—after "reportable death" insert:

or a death that would, but for section 3(2), have been a reportable death