

NOT **AN** **~~ACCIDENT~~**

CA SB 1071 Death Certificate Legislation Talking Points

- Establishes a structured post-judgment process to update the manner of death on a death certificate
- Applies only after due process is complete and all appeals are exhausted
- Requires a final legal judgment before any change can occur
- Preserves the distinction between medical findings and legal determinations
- Ensures the official record reflects established legal truth once responsibility is determined
- Creates a clear legal pathway for correcting death records
- Requires families to submit certified court documents confirming the new manner of death
- Provides rigorous state registrar oversight to protect process integrity
- Mandates that the updated death certificate becomes the only version available for public inspection
- Prevents conflicting records and promotes consistency between court judgments and vital records
- Ensures local agencies are not unduly burdened, aligning with California constitutional requirements
- Reflects California's commitment to justice, accuracy, and transparency in official records
- Provides families with dignity and closure
- Affirms that when the justice system determines responsibility, the death record reflects that determination