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## AN ACT

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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1 Relating to expected deaths that occur at home.

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3 \* Section 1. AS 12.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 12.65.007. No duty for peace officer to respond to the scene of an**  
5 **expected home death.** (a) A peace officer is not required by state law to respond to  
6 the scene of an expected home death if

7 (1) the death was expected to occur due to the dead person's state of  
8 health before death;

9 (2) the death occurred at the dead person's home as expected due to  
10 the dead person's state of health;

11 (3) a person authorized to determine and pronounce death determines  
12 and pronounces the death; and

13 (4) a form signed by the dead person's physician concerning the  
14 physician's expectation that the death would occur due to the person's state of health  
15 and that it would occur at home was, at the time of death, on file with the law

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1 enforcement agency for that jurisdiction.

2 (b) This section does not

3 (1) prohibit a person from requesting a peace officer to respond to the  
4 scene described in (a) of this section if, in the person's opinion, a death investigation  
5 by a peace officer may be appropriate due to suspicious or unusual circumstances; or

6 (2) relieve a person of the duty to notify the medical examiner and a  
7 peace officer of a death that is described in AS 12.65.005(a).