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Bill would make all Coroner's reports confidential

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Assemblywoman <u>Jacqui Irwin</u> (D-Thousand Oaks) has introduced <u>AB 2372</u> sponsored by the Ventura County Coroner's Office to make all autopsy results confidential.

"This information can be very traumatizing for the surviving family members of a crime victim," Irwin, D-Thousand Oaks, said in the release. "The families of the Borderline shooting victims should not have to endure repeated trauma caused by conspiracy theorists and others who could have access to these highly personal reports."

While the bill is only "intent" language the press release issued by Irwin said the bill ensures that the records would be disclosed only to surviving family members, courts, law enforcement and other public and private entities with a demonstrated need. The overall intent is to protect a family's privacy, but this bill would apply statewide and could drastically impact the public's right to know.

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