

CHAPTER CXLVI.

AN ACT

To prevent the coroner of Philadelphia county from holding inquests in certain cases, and for other purposes.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be the duty of the coroner of the county of Philadelphia to hold an inquest on the body of any convict or untried prisoner, who may die during his or her confinement in the prison or common jail of said county, unless required by the inspectors thereof, except in cases of murder, suicide, manslaughter, or death caused by casualties; and that no inquest shall be held by the coroner of said county on the body of any convict or untried prisoner who may die in the jail of said county, except as is hereinbefore provided.

Duty of the coroner of Philadelphia county restricted.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the attending physician of said jail to certify to the inspectors thereof, the name and age of every convict or untried prisoner who may die in said jail, together with the disease or cause of death of such convict or untried prisoner, so far as he can ascertain the same, and the said inspectors shall, and they are hereby required to cause the said certificate to be fairly copied into a book to be by them kept for that purpose, and after the same is copied cause the said certificate to be sent to the board of health for the port of Philadelphia, whose duty it shall be to file the same, and the said inspectors shall, and they are hereby required to have the body of the person interred.

Duty of the attending physician of the jail of said county.

Certificate to be copied in a book, &c.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of any law as is hereby altered or supplied, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.