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## **COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Amy Hart, Acting Chief Medical Examiner

Carmen Chu, City Administrator Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Office

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk

DATE: February 23, 2021

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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File No. 210140

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If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: linda.wong@sfgov.org.

c. Dr. Ellen Moffat, Acting Assistant Chief Medical Examiner Ken Bukowski, Office of the City Administrator Lynn Khaw, Office of the City Administrator Lihmeei Leu, Office of the City Administrator Tal Quetone, Office of the City Administrator Andres Power, Mayor's Office



### City and County of San Francisco Master Report

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File Number: 210140 File Type: Ordinance Status: 30 Day Rule

Enacted: Effective:

Version: 1 In Control: Rules Committee

File Name: Administrative, Campaign and Governmental Date Introduced: 02/09/2021

Conduct Codes - Office of the Chief Medical

Examiner

Requester: Cost: Final Action:

Comment: Title: Ordinance amending the Administrative Code and

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Sponsor: Peskin

#### History of Legislative File 210140

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.	
4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor	inquiries"
5. City Attorney Request.	
6. Call File No. from Committee.	•
7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).	
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10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on	
Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following	owing:
Small Business Commission	ommission
Planning Commission Building Inspection Commiss	ion
Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Impera	ıtive Form.
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For Clerk's Use Only

From: Givner, Jon (CAT)

To: Angulo, Sunny (BOS); BOS Legislation, (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: Peskin, Aaron (BOS)

Subject: RE: PESKIN - Ordinance - Establishing Office of the Medical Examiner Executive Director

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:13:56 PM

I confirm my approval as to form.

Jon

Jon Givner
Deputy City Attorney
Office of City Attorney Dennis Herrera
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Suite 234
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From: Angulo, Sunny (BOS) <sunny.angulo@sfgov.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:12 PM

**To:** BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS)

<alisa.somera@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Givner, Jon (CAT) <Jon.Givner@sfcityatty.org> **Subject:** PESKIN - Ordinance - Establishing Office of the Medical Examiner Executive Director

Good afternoon -

Please find Supervisor Peskin's subject Ordinance and Legislative Digest attached, along with Introduction Form. Copying DCA Givner for confirmation of his signed approval of legislation as to form.

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