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It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

■. 52 of 1983: Inquests Amendment Act, 1983.

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Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 52 van 1983: Wysigingswet op Geregtelike Doods-ondersoeke, 1983.

Act No. 52, 1983

INQUESTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1983

## GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

- [ ]** Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
- Words underlined with solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

# ACT

To amend the Inquests Act, 1959, so as to further regulate the power of a magistrate to hold an inquest; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

*(English text signed by the State President.)*  
*(Assented to 27 April 1983.)*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the State President and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

1. The following section is hereby substituted for section 6 of the Inquests Act, 1959:

Substitution of section 6 of Act 58 of 1959, as substituted by section 14 of Act 29 of 1974.

- “Magistrate who is to hold inquest.”
6. An inquest shall be held—
- (a) by the magistrate of the district in which the death is alleged to have occurred; or
- (b) where it is alleged that the death has not occurred **[on board a ship or on board an aircraft in flight] on land**, by the magistrate of 10 the district where the body has been brought ashore or on land or has been found, **[or has been removed from the aircraft]** as the case may be; or
- (c) **[in the case of any doubt or dispute as to any 15 such district or]** where the Minister or any person authorized thereto by him deems it expedient, by any magistrate designated by the Minister or person so authorized at a place so designated.” 20

Short title and commencement.

2. This Act shall be called the Inquests Amendment Act, 1983, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 February 1982.