

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1478

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Deeds

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** Disposition of the remains of a decedent; right to control.

**5. Summary:** Establishes a priority order for the right to control the disposition of the remains of a decedent; the location, manner, and condition of disposition; and the arrangements for funeral goods and services to be provided, as well as circumstances that would forfeit this right. The bill establishes procedures for resolving disagreements among those who have the right to control and provides liability protections for licensed funeral establishments, funeral service licensees, registered crematories, or registered crematory operators that rely in good faith upon the instructions of an individual claiming the right of disposition.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. No Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The establishment of a priority order in an effort to resolve disagreements may increase the number of complaints and investigations for the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, however there is no data to support an estimate of the impact. This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Health Professions.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** HB2116, introduced by Delegate Sickles, is a companion bill.