

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 201

House of Origin    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
Second House    ☐ In Committee    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Alexander, Kenneth C.

**3. Committee:** -

**4. Title:** Human remains; proper handling by funeral establishment

**5. Summary:** As amended, this legislation provides that:

- Upon taking custody of a dead human body, a funeral service establishment shall maintain such body in a manner that provides complete coverage of the body and that is resistant to leakage or spillage, except during embalming or preparation of an unembalmed body for final disposition; restoration and dressing of a body in preparation for final disposition; and viewing during any visitation and funeral service.
- If a dead human body is to be stored for more than 48 hours prior to disposition, a funeral services establishment having custody of such body shall ensure that the dead human body is maintained in refrigeration at no more than approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or embalmed. A dead human body shall be maintained in refrigeration and shall not be embalmed in the absence of express permission by a next of kin of the deceased or a court order.
- If a dead human body is to be stored for more than 10 days prior to disposition at a location other than the funeral service establishment, the funeral service establishment shall disclose to the contract buyer the location where the body is to be stored and the method of storage.
- Funeral services establishments, crematories, or transportation services shall not transport animal remains together with dead human bodies. Further, animal remains shall not be refrigerated in a unit where dead human bodies are being stored.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None

**11. Other Comments:** None

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