

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1603

BY: TYLER, POPE, COLEMAN and  
GREENWOOD of the HOUSE

and

LONG (Lewis) of the  
SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS;

AMENDING SECTION 4, CHAPTER 153, O.S.L. 1988 (59  
O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 396.27), WHICH RELATES TO  
CERTAIN NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICABLE  
DISEASES; REQUIRING PUBLICATION OR AVAILABILITY OF  
CERTAIN STANDARDS; MAKING CERTAIN INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS; REQUIRING CERTAIN  
FLUIDS TO BE DISPOSED OF IN A CERTAIN MANNER; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 153, O.S.L.  
1988 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 396.27), is amended to read as  
follows:

Section 396.27 A. The Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and  
Funeral Directors shall publish or make available to each funeral  
director licensed pursuant to the Funeral Services Licensing Act,  
standards or guidelines regarding universal precautions to be taken  
for the prevention of the transmission of communicable diseases  
during the handling of any body.

B. Each funeral director shall notify employees concerning risk exposures, pursuant to Section ~~4~~ 1-502.1 of ~~this act~~ Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the rules and guidelines promulgated by the State Board of Health.

~~B.~~ C. Each funeral director and each employee of such funeral director shall adhere to the universal precautions for the prevention of the transmission of communicable diseases published by the Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service, in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Volume 36, Number 2S or as subsequently amended, during the handling of any body.

D. When an autopsy is performed on a body and it is determined that the body is H.I.V. positive, the results of that autopsy indicating that the body is H.I.V. positive, shall be provided to the funeral director in charge of such body. The funeral director shall notify any other person not specified in subsection B of this section who is in direct physical contact with the body concerning any risk exposures.

E. Any blood or other fluid removed from an H.I.V. positive body by a funeral director or by the employee of such director, shall be disposed of in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health for the safe disposal of such blood and fluids.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 1991.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1991.

President of the Senate