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[public health and safety - payment for certain
actions - fees and mileage rates - codification -
emergency]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 940a of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. If for any reason the Medical Examiner Office shall order that a licensed funeral establishment shall remove and transport a body, the funeral establishment shall be paid a fee and mileage reimbursement as determined pursuant to this section. The fee and mileage reimbursement shall be paid from funds available to the agency or office of the official giving the order.

B. The fee required by this section shall be set by the Board of Medicolegal Investigations pursuant to its rule-making authority but shall not be less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

C. The mileage reimbursement required by this section shall be set by the Board of Medicolegal Investigations pursuant to its rule-making authority but shall not be less than Two Hundred Percent (200%) of the mileage reimbursement authorized pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. No funeral establishment or its employees shall be liable for the action, per se, of removing a body when ordered to do so by any public official having the authority to do so.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____ ,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives