

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1104

By: Wilson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the transportation of bodies;
8 amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 951, which relates to
9 the transportation of bodies for autopsy or
10 scientific tests; making language gender-neutral;
11 authorizing licensed funeral establishments to
12 transport bodies of deceased persons to a place for
13 autopsy or scientific tests; granting licensed
14 funeral establishments the right of first refusal to
15 transport certain bodies and receive payment for
16 transportation in specified circumstances; clarifying
17 language; and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 951, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 951. A. The Chief Medical Examiner, ~~his~~ the Chief
22 Medical Examiner's designee, ~~or~~ a medical examiner, or a licensed
23 funeral establishment shall be authorized to transport bodies of
24 deceased persons, of whose death ~~he~~ the Chief Medical Examiner is
officially informed, to an appropriate place for autopsy or for the
performance of scientific tests; ~~provided that, after said.~~ When a
licensed funeral establishment has removed the body of a deceased

1 person pursuant to Section 940 of this title, such funeral
2 establishment shall have the right of first refusal to transport the
3 body for autopsy or scientific tests and receive payment for the
4 transportation pursuant to subsection C of this section.

5 B. After the autopsy shall have has been performed or such
6 tests have been made, the bodies of ~~such~~ deceased persons shall be
7 returned to the county from which they were brought, or, when so
8 authorized by the district attorney of ~~said~~ such county and upon
9 request of the nearest relative of the deceased or other person who
10 may be responsible for burial, the body may be transported to some
11 place other than ~~said~~ the county.

12 C. The Chief Medical Examiner or his the Chief Medical
13 Examiner's designee may authorize payment for the services in
14 transporting the body to the place designated for autopsy, which
15 shall be submitted upon a claim filed with the Board of Medicolegal
16 Investigations.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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