

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL 1505

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Office of the Chief Medical  
8 Examiner; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-329.1,  
9 which relates to cremation; providing statutory  
10 reference for certain authorization; removing  
11 language relating to amount of certain fee; and  
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-329.1, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1-329.1. Until a permit for disposal has been issued in  
17 accordance with this section, no dead human body whose death  
18 occurred within the State of Oklahoma shall be cremated, buried at  
19 sea, or made unavailable for further pathologic study by other  
20 recognized means of destruction or dissolution of such remains.

21 When the person legally responsible for disposition of a dead  
22 human body, whose death occurred or was pronounced within this  
23 state, desires that the body be cremated, buried at sea, or made  
24 unavailable for further pathologic study by other recognized means  
of destruction or dissolution of such remains, that person shall

1 complete an application-permit form for such procedure provided by  
2 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The Office of the Chief  
3 Medical Examiner, in accordance with Section 948.1 of this title,  
4 shall charge a fee ~~of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~ for each  
5 cremation permit issued. The Medical Examiner shall be notified, as  
6 required in Section 938 of this title. He shall perform the  
7 required investigation and shall issue a valid death certificate as  
8 required by Section 947 of this title and execute the permit in  
9 accordance with rules established by the Office of the Chief Medical  
10 Examiner. In order to be valid, each permit must contain an  
11 individual number assigned to the particular permit by the Office of  
12 the Chief Medical Examiner. A copy of the application-permit form  
13 and the original death certificate shall be filed with the State  
14 Registrar. The original application-permit form shall be filed by  
15 the funeral director with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.  
16 Such filing shall occur or be postmarked within forty-eight (48)  
17 hours of the death.

18 If death occurred or was pronounced outside the geographic  
19 limits of the State of Oklahoma and the body is brought into this  
20 state for such disposal, a transit permit or a permit for removal,  
21 issued in accordance with the laws and regulations in force where  
22 the death occurred shall authorize the transportation of the body  
23 into or through this state and shall be accepted in lieu of a  
24 certificate of death as required above. A valid permit issued for

1 disposal of such body in accordance with the laws in the  
2 jurisdiction where the body died or death was pronounced shall be  
3 authority for cremation or burial at sea or to make the body  
4 otherwise unavailable for further pathologic study by other  
5 recognized means of destruction or dissolution of such remains.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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