

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 1505

By: Standridge of the Senate

and

Billy of the House

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

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

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

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

1 When the person legally responsible for disposition of a dead
2 human body, whose death occurred or was pronounced within this
3 state, desires that the body be cremated, buried at sea, or made
4 unavailable for further pathologic study by other recognized means
5 of destruction or dissolution of such remains, that person shall
6 complete an application-permit form for such procedure provided by
7 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The Office of the Chief
8 Medical Examiner, in accordance with Section 948.1 of this title,
9 shall charge a fee ~~of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~ for each
10 cremation permit issued. The Medical Examiner shall be notified, as
11 required in Section 938 of this title. ~~He~~ The Medical Examiner
12 shall perform the required investigation and shall issue a valid
13 death certificate as required by Section 947 of this title and
14 execute the permit in accordance with rules established by the
15 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. In order to be valid, each
16 permit must contain an individual number assigned to the particular
17 permit by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. A copy of the
18 application-permit form and the original death certificate shall be
19 filed with the State Registrar. The original application-permit
20 form shall be filed by the funeral director with the Office of the
21 Chief Medical Examiner. Such filing shall occur or be postmarked
22 within forty-eight (48) hours of the death.

23 If death occurred or was pronounced outside the geographic
24 limits of the State of Oklahoma and the body is brought into this

1 state for such disposal, a transit permit or a permit for removal,
2 issued in accordance with the laws and regulations in force where
3 the death occurred shall authorize the transportation of the body
4 into or through this state and shall be accepted in lieu of a
5 certificate of death as required above. A valid permit issued for
6 disposal of such body in accordance with the laws in the
7 jurisdiction where the body died or death was pronounced shall be
8 authority for cremation or burial at sea or to make the body
9 otherwise unavailable for further pathologic study by other
10 recognized means of destruction or dissolution of such remains.

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

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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
14 04/04/2016 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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