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February 24, 2016

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1505

By: Standridge of the Senate

and

Billy of the House

[Office of the Chief Medical Examiner - cremation -
effective date]

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

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

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

When the person legally responsible for disposition of a dead human body, whose death occurred or was pronounced within this state, desires that the body be cremated, buried at sea, or made unavailable for further pathologic study by other recognized means of destruction or dissolution of such remains, that person shall complete an application-permit form for such procedure provided by

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

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

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

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
7 February 24, 2016 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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