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Bill Analysis

HB 4041 requires funeral directors to notify employees of risk procedures related to testing blood for the human immunodeficiency virus or any other communicable disease. The measure expands the definition of “serious transmissible disease” and “bodily fluids” to include HIV, MRSA, hepatitis, and other transmissible diseases. If a funeral director or embalmer has been notified that a deceased person has tested positive for HIV, MRSA, hepatitis or any other communicable disease the funeral director or embalmer shall notify any person who may be transporting the body or preparing the body for burial or other disposition of the positive test. The measure also extends the diseases under which certain liability protections apply for individuals and facilities who provide test results to funeral directors or embalmers preparing the body of a deceased person. The prescription and health records of a deceased person testing positive for a transmissible disease must be made available to the funeral director or embalmer preparing the body. The measure requires a person, hospital or correctional institution responsible for the release of a body to inform the funeral director or embalmer if the deceased person tested positive for certain communicable diseases.