

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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With increase in case loads and difficult identifications, next of kin (NOK) notifications are taking longer. This proposal changes the coroner requirement to report cases to the Treasurer's Office from 48 to 72 hours.

Decedents, with no legal NOK or have family that have abandoned, are statutorily Coroner/PA/Indigent cases. Current state statutes required that the decedent is not cremated prior to 14 days after death and when the application has been submitted and approved, so in addition to needing more time to find NOK, this proposed legislation would allow for cremation to be done 10 days from death and the application made and or a waiver to abandonment to be obtained.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the state's General fund or any other funds because this proposal provides for updated timeframes only. It does not introduce and new fiscal obligations.

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