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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEE FOR A CREMATION PERMIT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-323 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2020*):

4 (b) If death occurred in this state, the death certificate required by law
5 shall be filed with the registrar of vital statistics for the town in which
6 such person died, if known, or, if not known, for the town in which the
7 body was found. The Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Chief Medical
8 Examiner, associate medical examiner, an authorized assistant medical
9 examiner or other authorized designee shall complete the cremation
10 certificate, stating that such medical examiner or other authorized
11 designee has made inquiry into the cause and manner of death and is of
12 the opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry is necessary.
13 The cremation certificate shall be submitted to the registrar of vital
14 statistics of the town in which such person died, if known, or, if not
15 known, of the town in which the body was found, or with the registrar
16 of vital statistics of the town in which the funeral director having charge

17 of the body is located. Upon receipt of the cremation certificate, the
18 registrar shall authorize such certificate, keep such certificate on
19 permanent record, and issue a cremation permit, except that if the
20 cremation certificate is submitted to the registrar of the town where the
21 funeral director is located, such certificate shall be forwarded to the
22 registrar of the town where the person died to be kept on permanent
23 record. If a cremation permit must be obtained during the hours that the
24 office of the local registrar of the town where death occurred is closed,
25 a subregistrar appointed to serve such town may authorize such
26 cremation permit upon receipt and review of a properly completed
27 cremation permit and cremation certificate. A subregistrar who is
28 licensed as a funeral director or embalmer pursuant to chapter 385, or
29 the employee or agent of such funeral director or embalmer shall not
30 issue a cremation permit to himself or herself. A subregistrar shall
31 forward the cremation certificate to the local registrar of the town where
32 death occurred, not later than seven days after receiving such certificate.
33 The estate of the deceased person, if any, shall pay the sum of one
34 hundred fifty dollars for the issuance of the cremation certificate,
35 provided the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall not assess any
36 fees for costs that are associated with the cremation of a stillborn fetus
37 or a deceased person who was under the age of eighteen at the time of
38 death. Upon request of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Secretary of the
39 Office of Policy and Management may waive payment of such
40 cremation certificate fee. No cremation certificate shall be required for a
41 permit to cremate the remains of bodies pursuant to section 19a-270a.
42 When the cremation certificate is submitted to a town other than that
43 where the person died, the registrar of vital statistics for such other town
44 shall ascertain from the original removal, transit and burial permit that
45 the certificates required by the state statutes have been received and
46 recorded, that the body has been prepared in accordance with the Public
47 Health Code and that the entry regarding the place of disposal is correct.
48 Whenever the registrar finds that the place of disposal is incorrect, the
49 registrar shall issue a corrected removal, transit and burial permit and,
50 after inscribing and recording the original permit in the manner
51 prescribed for sextons' reports under section 7-66, shall then

52 immediately give written notice to the registrar for the town where the
53 death occurred of the change in place of disposal stating the name and
54 place of the crematory and the date of cremation. Such written notice
55 shall be sufficient authorization to correct these items on the original
56 certificate of death. The fee for a cremation permit shall be five dollars
57 and for the written notice one dollar, except no such fee shall be charged
58 for the cremation of a deceased person who was under the age of
59 eighteen at the time of death. The Department of Public Health shall
60 provide forms for cremation permits, which shall not be the same as for
61 regular burial permits and shall include space to record information
62 about the intended manner of disposition of the cremated remains, and
63 such blanks and books as may be required by the registrars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	19a-323(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the charging of a fee for a cremation permit for the cremation of a deceased person who was under the age of eighteen.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]