



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 735**

January Session, 2003

Substitute Senate Bill No. 565

*Senate, May 20, 2003*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF THE BODY OF A DECEASED PERSON TO ANOTHER PARTY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-70 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Any licensed embalmer, registered student embalmer or licensed  
4 funeral director licensed or registered by the department, or licensed  
5 or registered in a state having a reciprocal agreement on file with the  
6 department, may transfer the body of any deceased person to another  
7 [town or state] party for preparation for burial or cremation, if death  
8 was not sudden or the result of violence or of a communicable disease  
9 other than tuberculosis or pneumonia, provided a permit for  
10 permanent removal [ ] as required under the provisions of section 7-69  
11 has been secured within [twenty-four] forty-eight hours. Such  
12 temporary transfer shall be made only by a licensed embalmer,  
13 registered student embalmer or licensed funeral director licensed or

14 registered by the department, or licensed or registered in a state  
 15 having a reciprocal agreement on file with the department. Such  
 16 licensed embalmer, registered student embalmer or licensed funeral  
 17 director shall leave, in writing, with the institution from which or the  
 18 person from whom any such body is received, a temporary removal  
 19 permit, on a form supplied by the department, such embalmer's or  
 20 director's name, address and license or registration number and the  
 21 date and hour such body was delivered to such embalmer or director.  
 22 A duplicate of such temporary removal permit shall be left with or  
 23 mailed to the local registrar where the death occurred [,] within twelve  
 24 hours after such temporary transfer.

25 (b) Any body for which a burial or removal permit has been secured  
 26 in accordance with the provisions of section 7-69, except the body of  
 27 any person whose death occurred while suffering from any  
 28 communicable disease other than tuberculosis or pneumonia, may be  
 29 taken through or into another town for funeral services without  
 30 additional permits.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$3,325	\$2,375

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The Department of Public Health will incur an FY 04 cost of \$3,325 to purchase and distribute 70,000 temporary removal permits for use by embalmers or funeral directors. In FY 05 and subsequent fiscal years a cost of \$2,375 will result as only 50,000 forms will needed.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF THE BODY OF A DECEASED PERSON TO ANOTHER PARTY*****SUMMARY:**

This bill applies existing law governing the temporary removal of bodies from one town to another to such removals within a town. The existing procedure requires licensed embalmers, registered student embalmers, or funeral directors, when they transfer a body to another town or state, to (1) leave a temporary removal permit with the body, (2) send or give a copy of the permit to the registrar of vital statistics where the death occurred within 12 hours after the transfer, and (3) obtain a permit for permanent removal within 24 hours.

The bill applies this procedure to transfers to any other party, not just to another town or state and extends the time for securing the permanent removal permit to 48 hours.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

The Senate referred this bill (File 404) to the Judiciary Committee, which reported this substitute. The original bill required the public health commissioner to adopt regulations establishing a procedure for tracking bodies from the time of death until they were buried, cremated, or removed from the state.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report  
Yea 13    Nay 7

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 36 Nay 0