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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee  
**FROM:** James J. Lawlor, Probate Court Administrator  
**DATE:** March 24, 2008  
**RE:** Testimony

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On March 19, 2008, I appeared before your Honorable Committee and presented testimony in connection with Raised Bills 696 and 698. It has been brought to my attention that certain of my testimony was incorrect.

In part, Raised Bills 696 and 698 addressed the billing processes of the probate courts and, in particular, the practice of computing fees on life insurance on the life of the deceased. I supported the proposition that probate fees ought not be charged or computed against life insurance benefits.

When questioned on the subject by Honorable James Spallone, I responded incorrectly. The exchange, as I recall it, was as follows:

Question: Were probate fees computed against life insurance prior to 2005?

Answer: Yes.

The answer was incorrect and should have been: No.

I regret this error and apologize for any inconvenience it causes.

JJL:sd