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Senate Bill No. 127

Senate, March 22, 2016

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUBREGISTRARS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REMOVAL, TRANSIT, BURIAL AND CREMATION PERMITS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-65 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) The embalmer or funeral director licensed by the department, or
4 licensed in a state having a reciprocal agreement on file with the
5 department and complying with the terms of such agreement, who
6 assumes custody of a dead body shall obtain a removal, transit and
7 burial permit from the registrar of the town in which the death
8 occurred or the town in which the embalmer or funeral director
9 maintains a place of business not later than five calendar days after
10 death, and prior to final disposition or removal of the body from the
11 state. The embalmer or funeral director who assumes custody and
12 control of the body and obtains a removal, transit and burial permit
13 from the registrar of the town in which the embalmer or funeral

14 director maintains a place of business shall be obligated to file the
15 death certificate, in accordance with the provisions of section 7-62b, in
16 person, through an electronic registry system or by certified mail,
17 return receipt requested. The removal, transit and burial permit shall
18 specify the place of burial or other place of interment and state that the
19 death certificate and any other certificate required by law have been
20 returned and recorded.

21 (b) A local registrar shall appoint not less than two suitable persons
22 as subregistrars, who shall be authorized to issue removal, transit and
23 burial permits and cremation permits for any death that occurs in such
24 registrar's town, during the hours in which the office of the registrar of
25 vital records is closed. The appointment of subregistrars shall be made
26 in writing, with the approval of the [selectmen] chief elected official of
27 such town, and shall be made with reference to locality, to best
28 accommodate the inhabitants of the town. Such subregistrars shall be
29 sworn, and their term of office shall not extend beyond the term of
30 office of the appointing registrar. The names of such subregistrars shall
31 be reported to the Department of Public Health. The Chief Medical
32 Examiner, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner and associate medical
33 examiners shall be considered subregistrars of any town in which
34 death occurs for the sole purpose of issuing removal, transit and burial
35 permits.

36 (c) A subregistrar shall issue a removal, transit and burial permit
37 upon receipt of a completed death certificate as provided in section 7-
38 62b. A subregistrar shall forward any such certificate upon which a
39 removal, transit and burial permit is issued to the registrar of the town
40 where the death occurred, not later than seven days after receiving
41 such certificate.

42 (d) The fee for such removal, transit and burial permit shall be paid
43 to the town issuing the removal, transit and burial permit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2016	7-65
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PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires approval from a town's chief elected official, rather than selectmen, for the local registrar of vital statistics' appointment of subregistrars for certain functions. This has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 127*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUBREGISTRARS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REMOVAL, TRANSIT, BURIAL AND CREMATION PERMITS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires a town's chief elected official, rather than selectmen, to approve the local registrar of vital statistics' appointment of subregistrars authorized to issue removal, transit, and burial permits and cremation permits.

By law, a local registrar must appoint at least two subregistrars, who have authority to issue these permits when the registrar's office is closed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/07/2016)