

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 22-99—HB 5274

Public Health Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEE FOR A CREMATION CERTIFICATE
FOR DECEASED PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN**

SUMMARY: This act exempts a decedent's estate from having to pay the \$150 cremation certificate fee for cremating the body of a person under the age of 18.

Existing law, unchanged by the act, (1) exempts from the fee the cremation of a stillborn fetus and (2) otherwise allows the Office of Policy and Management secretary to waive the fee at the chief medical examiner's request.

By law, cremation certificates are generally required to cremate a body. A medical examiner or authorized designee must complete the certificate, stating that they have inquired into the cause and manner of death and believe that no further examination or judicial inquiry is needed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022