
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6602

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND FUNERAL HOMES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner to give all state-licensed funeral directors, including those who operate out-of-state funeral homes or funeral businesses, equal access to the state's electronic death registry system.

It also requires DPH to annually inspect each building or part of one where a funeral service business is conducted. Current law requires funeral homes to be inspected every three years. By law, DPH (1) must inspect these buildings when receiving an initial application for a funeral home license and (2) may inspect them at other times as it deems advisable.

Lastly, the bill requires the DPH commissioner to study whether to exempt funeral directors from the requirement to employ a full-time embalmer if they become owners (in full or part) of a funeral home, funeral service business, or other establishment not engaged in embalming. She must report on the study to the Public Health Committee by February 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/27/2023)