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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1085 (Delegate Cadden)

Environmental Matters

Health Occupations - Morticians - Regulation of Crematories

This bill requires a crematory to obtain licensure from the Board of Morticians before it may be used for the cremation of human remains. The bill requires the board to establish standards and procedures for cremation and to establish record keeping requirements for crematories. In addition, the board may suspend, deny, or revoke a crematory license, as well as reprimand or place on probation a licensee who violates licensure or operating requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenue increase of \$3,600 for the Board of Morticians in FY 2001. Future year revenues reflect biennial licensure renewal. Any expenses associated with establishing standards and procedures are assumed to be minimal and could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

(in dollars)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
SF Revenues	\$3,600	0	\$3,600	0	\$3,600
SF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$3,600	0	\$3,600	0	\$3,600

Note: () = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - =indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Small business crematories would be subject to regulation by the Board of Morticians and subject to a \$150 biennial licensure fee.

Analysis

Current Law: The Board of Morticians does not have regulatory authority over a crematory.

State Fiscal Effect: There are 24 crematories in the State; the board anticipates a license fee of \$150. Assuming each one applies for licensure to operate and pays a \$150 licensure fee, special fund revenues could increase by \$3,600. Future year revenues reflect biennial renewals and assumes no new licensure applications. Any expenses associated with regulating crematories and establishing crematory operating standards and procedures could be handled with existing board resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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