



MARYLAND
Department of Health
STATE ANATOMY BOARD

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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley
Chair, Finance Committee
3 East Miller Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SB 784 – State Anatomy Board – Claimed Cremated Remains – Provision Without Payment of Costs – Letter of Support


Dear Chair Kelley and Committee Members:

The Maryland State Anatomy Board respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill (SB) 784 - **State Anatomy Board – Claimed Cremated Remains – Provision Without Payment of Costs.**

SB 784 codifies the waiver of State fees in the case of hardship for claiming ashes of decedents cremated by the state. This process has been permitted under Board regulations COMAR 10.49.01.02 allowing waiver for hardship of the next-of-kin as well as being Board policy for many years to always grant that waiver in the case of documented hardship.

The State Anatomy Board is supportive of codifying into statute the waiving of fees for hardship.

Regards,


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