

SESSION OF 2019

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2199**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2199 would require a coroner's permit be executed to authorize a crematory operator to cremate a dead body if the death or cause of death occurred in Kansas or in a state where such permit to cremate is required. In current law, a coroner's permit to cremate a dead body is required without mention of where the death or cause of death occurred.

The bill would authorize that an electronic signed copy of a coroner's permit to cremate would constitute legal authorization for cremation.

Finally, the bill would repeal a statute that requires Kansas funeral directors to submit a monthly report of dead bodies prepared for burial, by the director's establishment, to the Secretary of Health and Environment. Continuing law requires death certificates to be filed through the Kansas Electronic Death Registration System.

**Background**

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Eplee, on behalf of the Kansas Funeral Directors Association.

In the House Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Funeral Directors Association and the Kansas State Board of

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Mortuary Arts. The proponents generally stated enactment of the bill would assist in eliminating confusion about whether a coroner's permit to cremate is required when a death occurs or is caused outside of Kansas.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.