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IN ASSEMBLY

February 14, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. STECK, CONRAD, STIRPE, COLTON, NORRIS, GUNTHER, WOERNER, OTIS, LUPARDO, BLANKENBUSH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to eliminating the electronic death registration system fee for funeral directors and undertakers; and to repeal provisions of such law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4148 of the public health law, as added by chapter 352 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

1. The department is hereby authorized and directed to design, implement and maintain an electronic death registration system for collecting, storing, recording, transmitting, amending, correcting and authenticating information, as necessary and appropriate to complete a death registration, and to generate such documents as determined by the department in relation to a death occurring in this state. As part of the design and implementation of the system established by this section, the department shall consult with all persons authorized to use such system to the extent practicable and feasible. [~~The payment referenced in subdivision five of this section shall be collected for each burial or removal permit issued on or after the effective date of this section from the licensed funeral director or undertaker to whom such permit is issued, in the manner specified by the department and shall be used solely for the purpose set forth in subdivision five of this section.~~] Except as specifically provided in this section, the existing general duties of, and remuneration received by, local registrars in accepting and filing certificates of death and issuing burial and removal permits pursuant to any statute or regulation shall be maintained, and not altered or abridged in any way by this section.

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 4148 of the public health law is REPEALED.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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