STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 8, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. FALL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to authorizing the bureau of funeral directing to investigate any claims of moneys paid in connection with agreements for funeral merchandise or services

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

Section 1. Section 453 of the general business law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6-a to read as follows:

6-a. (a) Prior to any special proceeding commenced by the attorney general pursuant to subdivision seven of this section, the bureau of funeral directing established under the direction of the commissioner of health pursuant to section thirty-four hundred one of the public health law, in consultation with the local district attorney, shall investigate any claims brought against any person, firm or corporation pursuant to this section. After ninety days of such investigation, all records and true copies of any agreements of the alleged violations of this section shall be transferred to the attorney general.

(b) The bureau of funeral directing has the legal authority to investigate and, after due process, levy fines and sanctions on any unlicensed individuals and/or unregistered entities that are falsely acting as or representing themselves to be licensed and/or registered funeral directors and/or funeral firms in violation of the public health law.

§ 2. 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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