

Page 3 would read as follows:

- I. The appropriate public or court authority, as required by law. For purposes of this subdivision, the appropriate public or court authority includes the human service zone of the county in which the death occurred if the individual dies without apparent financial means to provide for final disposition or the district court in the county in which the death occurred. If the duty of final disposition devolves to this level, the appropriate public or court authority may direct final disposition to a mortician or funeral director after the coroner notifies the appropriate public or court authority in writing that no individuals identified in subdivisions a through k have accepted the duty of final disposition. A person identified under this subdivision who exercises the duty of final disposition of the body of a deceased individual is immune from civil liability for any act or omission arising out of the duty of final disposition.

Page 5 would read as follows:

- c. The department of health and human services may provide for the use of a military casket or urn, if the deceased was a veteran as defined in section 37-01-40, unless the additional cost exceeds the ~~negotiated expenses~~ of reimbursement rate under this section ~~subsection~~ or a surviving spouse or the nearest of kin of the deceased elects a nonmilitary casket or urn.
- d. The human service zone shall pay the charge for ~~funeral expenses as negotiated by the department of health and human services~~ cremation or burial of the final disposition of an individual who is indigent as provided under this section. The presumption of final disposition of an individual who is indigent is by cremation. The human service zone shall create a process to review a request for burial due to religious beliefs. The human service zone may not decrease the human service zone payment due to a nominal amount left by the deceased or contributed by kin or any other party to ~~defray the~~ contribute to non-burial or non-cremation ~~expenses of burial or cremation.~~

- e. The department of health and human services and human service zones shall maintain a standardized eligibility policy and application form to be used for the purposes of indigent burial application.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2139

Page 1, line 19, replace "individuals" with "residents"

Page 3, line 19, after "director" insert "after the coroner notifies the appropriate public or court authority in writing that no individuals identified in subdivisions a through k have accepted the duty of final disposition. A person identified under this subdivision who exercises the duty of final disposition of the body of a deceased individual pursuant is immune from civil liability for any act or omission arising out of the duty of final disposition"

Page 5, line 14, remove the overstrike over "~~casket or~~"

Page 5, line 17, remove the overstrike over "~~casket~~" and insert immediately thereafter "or"

Page 5, line 19, after the overstrike "~~services~~" insert "cremation or burial of the"

Page 5, line 20, after "section" insert ". The presumption of final disposition of an individual who is indigent is by cremation. The human service zone shall create a process to review a request for burial due to religious beliefs"

Page 5, line 22, overstrike "~~defray the~~" and insert immediately thereafter "contribute to non-burial or non-cremation"

Page 5, line 22, overstrike "of"

Page 5, line 23, remove "final disposition"

Page 5, line 23, overstrike "Funds adequate to allow for burial instead of"

Page 5, overstrike line 24

Page 5, line 25, remove "Except for burial conducted under subdivision d, final disposition must be"

Page 5, remove line 26

Page 5, line 27, remove "f."

Page 5, line 27, after "services" insert "and human service zones"

Page 5, line 27, replace "develop" with "maintain"

Page 5, line 28, replace "authorization method" with "eligibility policy"

Page 5, line 28, replace "that must" with "to"

Page 5, line 28, remove "final disposition"

Page 5, line 29, replace "under this subsection" with "the purposes of indigent burial application"

Renumber accordingly