

S.F. No. 1847 – Registration of transfer care specialists (DE amendment)

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S.F. 1847 establishes a registration process for transfer care specialists in order to authorize a transfer care specialist to remove a dead human body from the place of death to a licensed funeral establishment. **S.F. 1847** also authorizes the refrigeration of a dead body for over 30 calendar days.

Sections 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11-15, 17, 19, 20, and 22 simply add “registrant” or “transfer care specialist” to these sections of law.

Section 3 (149A.02, subdivision 12c) adds a definition of “dead human body or body” to include an identifiable human body part that is detached from the human body.

Section 5 (149A.02, subd. 37d) adds a definition of “registrant” to mean any person who is registered as a transfer care specialist under section 149A.47.

Section 6 (149A.02, subd. 37e) adds a definition of “transfer care specialist” to mean an individual who is registered with the commissioner and is authorized to perform the removal of a dead human body from the place of death under the direct supervision of a licensed mortician.

Section 10 (149A.47) establishes the registration requirements for a transfer care specialist.

Subdivision 1 authorizes a transfer care specialist to remove a dead human body from the place of death under the direct supervision of a licensed mortician if the transfer care specialist is registered with the commissioner. Specifies that a transfer care specialist is not licensed to engage in the practice of mortuary science and shall not engage in the practice of mortuary science except as provided in this section.

Subd. 2 describes the requirements for registration as a transfer care specialist.

Subd. 3 authorizes a registered transfer care specialist to perform the removal of a dead human body from the place of to a licensed funeral establishment. requires the transfer care specialist to work under the direct supervision of a licensed mortician. Specifies that the

supervising mortician is responsible for the work performed by the registered transfer care specialist. Permits a mortician to supervise up to six transfer care specialists.

Subd. 4 requires a transfer care specialist to complete a training program that meets the requirements specified in this subdivision. Requires a transfer care specialist to complete a training program once every five years.

Subd. 5 specifies that a registration expires one year after the date of issuance and must be renewed to remain valid. Requires the transfer care specialist to submit a completed renewal application to the commissioner with the appropriate fees and every five years submit proof of completion of a training program.

Section 16 (149A.65, subd. 2) establishes a registration fee for transfer care specialists.

Section 23 (149A.90, subd. 5) specifies that if the removal of a dead human body is performed by a transfer care specialist who is not employed by the funeral establishment to which the body is to be taken, the transfer care specialist must retain a copy of the certificate or removal on file at the transfer care specialist's business address that is registered with the commissioner for a period of three years following the date of removal.

Section 24 (149A.94, subd. 1), paragraph (a) permits a dead body to be refrigerated for up to 30 calendar days from the time of death or release of the body from the coroner or medical examiner provided that the dignity of the body is maintained, and the funeral establishment complies with paragraph (b), if applicable, and may be kept for longer than 30 calendar days in accordance with paragraph (c) and (d).

Paragraph (b): For a body to be kept refrigerated for between 15 and 30 calendar days, requires the funeral establishment to notify the person with the right to control the final disposition that the body will be kept refrigerated for more than 14 days and that the person has the right to seek other arrangements.

Paragraph (c): For a body to be kept refrigerated for more than 30 calendar days, requires the funeral establishment to report to the commissioner the following: (1) body identification details as determined by the commissioner; (2) the funeral establishment's plan to achieve final disposition of the body within the permitted time frame; and (3) any other information required by the commissioner.

Paragraph (d): Upon the filing of the report under paragraph (c), the funeral establishment is authorized to keep a body refrigerated for an additional 30 days. Failure to submit the required report may subject the funeral establishment to enforcement actions authorized under this chapter.