



MFDA 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

TRANSFER CARE SPECIALIST

- HF2509 (Huot) / SF2611 (Utke)
- **POSITION:** *MFDA SUPPORTS*
- What the legislation does:
 - Allows "transfer care specialists" to remove dead bodies from the place of death. Transfer care specialists must register with the commissioner of health and work under the supervision of a licensed mortician.
 - Creates a process for registering transfer care specialists, including required training. Registrations are valid for 1 year.
 - Exempts transfer care specialists from licensure requirements for mortuary science, as long as they are properly registered and supervised.
 - Adds transfer care specialists to various sections regulating conduct, reporting requirements, cooperation with investigations, etc.
 - Requires the commissioner of health to adopt registration fees for transfer care specialists.
 - Amends the law on removing bodies from the place of death to allow transfer care specialists to perform removals, in addition to licensed morticians/funeral directors.
 - Requires transfer care specialists to retain certificate of removal records if they perform the removal.

INTERNSHIP DURING ENROLLMENT

- HF1036 (Huot) / SF2610 (Utke)
- **POSITION:** *MFDA SUPPORTS*
- What the legislation does:
 - Allows people to begin an internship while enrolled in an accredited mortuary science degree program, instead of only after completing the degree.
 - Removes the requirement that an internship can only begin after passing the national and state licensing exams. Now people can start internships while in school.
 - Requires interns to submit a registration form listing their school program details if they are doing the internship while enrolled in a mortuary science program.
 - Allows the 2,080 hour internship to be completed over any 3-year period, during school, after graduation, or both, instead of just after graduation.
 - Allows interns to have both a primary and alternate supervising mortician, instead of just one primary supervisor.

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