

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	05-3508/1	Introduction Number	AB-984	Estimate Type	Original
Description Declarations of final disposition and providing penalties					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department to prepare and provide copies of the declaration of final disposition form specified in the bill to funeral directors, crematory authorities, hospitals, nursing homes, county clerks, local bar associates and to private persons. The Department is allowed to charge a reasonable fee for these forms.

Currently the Department prepares similar forms, such as living wills and durable power-of-attorney forms, and distributes these forms to certain organizations. The cost to produce power-of-attorney forms is approximately \$.10 per form. However, no mechanism exists within the current appropriation structure to allow the Department to be reimbursed for the cost of such forms. All revenue earned from the sale of these forms is returned to the General Fund as GPR-earned.

It is assumed that the cost of the declaration of final disposition form will be similar to the cost of the power-of-attorney form. It is not known how many forms will be required, but if the Department produces 20,000 forms initially, the cost would be \$2,000. Fees charged for these forms would have to be returned to the General Fund under the current appropriation structure. (Please see attached technical note.) The costs of the forms can be absorbed by the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications