

2001 SENATE BILL 399

January 24, 2002 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, DARLING and HUELSMAN, cosponsored by Representatives GRONEMUS, BOYLE and HAHN. Referred to Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 979.10 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** cremation
2 of corpses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may cremate a corpse unless the following two conditions are met: 1) at least 48 hours have elapsed since the deceased person died or the corpse was discovered, and 2) the coroner or medical examiner has certified that he or she has viewed the corpse, made inquiry in to the cause and manner of the the person's death, and has concluded that no further examination or judicial inquiry is necessary.

This bill eliminates the requirement that a person wait 48 hours to cremate a corpse and allows cremation upon certification of the coroner or medical examiner.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 979.10 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 979.10 (1) (a) (intro.) No person may cremate the corpse of a deceased person
5 ~~within 48 hours after the death, or the discovery of the death, of the deceased person~~

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SECTION 1

1 ~~unless the death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease. No person may~~

2 ~~cremate a corpse unless the person has received a cremation permit from:~~

3 (END)