



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 662

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 49.785 (1r) (a), 59.36, 59.365 (1) (intro.), 59.365 (1) (a) and
2 59.365 (1) (c); and *to create* 59.365 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** fees charged
3 for certain coroner or medical examiner services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 49.785 (1r) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
5 is amended to read:

6 49.785 (1r) (a) Fees for services rendered by a coroner or medical examiner.

7 **SECTION 2.** 59.36 of the statutes is amended to read:

8 **59.36 Coroner and medical examiner; fees.** The board shall set the fees
9 for all services rendered by the coroner or medical examiner. The fees may not exceed
10 an amount that is reasonably related to the actual and necessary cost of providing
11 the service.

ASSEMBLY BILL 662**SECTION 3**

1 **SECTION 3.** 59.365 (1) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act
2 55, is amended to read:

3 59.365 (1) (intro.) From July 14, 2015, to April 17, 2017, the board may not
4 charge ~~a funeral home, cemetery, or crematorium~~ an amount that exceeds the
5 amount that was ~~in effect~~ actually charged on April 17, 2015, for any of the following
6 fees:

7 **SECTION 4.** 59.365 (1) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
8 is amended to read:

9 59.365 (1) (a) Fees for services rendered by a coroner or medical examiner.

10 **SECTION 5.** 59.365 (1) (c) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
11 is amended to read:

12 59.365 (1) (c) Fees assessed related to coroner or medical examiner
13 transportation services.

14 **SECTION 6.** 59.365 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

15 59.365 (3) (a) Notwithstanding subs. (1) (a) and (b) and (2), if a board that had
16 been providing coroner or lay medical examiner services begins providing physician
17 medical examiner services under an intergovernmental cooperation agreement
18 under s. 66.0301 after December 31, 2015, and before the effective date of this
19 subsection [LRB inserts date], the board may one time set the fee assessed for the
20 signing of a death certificate at an amount exceeding the amount that was in effect
21 on April 17, 2015, by not more than \$100 and may one time set the fee assessed for
22 the issuance of a cremation permit at an amount exceeding the amount that was in
23 effect on April 17, 2015, by not more than \$100. Fees under this paragraph may be
24 established without regard to any change in the U.S. consumer price index.

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1 (b) This subsection does not apply to a county with a population of more than
2 300,000.

3 **SECTION 7. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) The treatment of section 49.785 (1r) (a) of the statutes first applies to fees
5 imposed with respect to individuals receiving funeral, burial, and cemetery expenses
6 aid who die on September 1, 2015.

7 **(END)**