

State of Wisconsin



2015 Assembly Bill 662

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2015 WISCONSIN ACT 336

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7. Initial applicability.

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

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."