

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to medical examiners; amending s.
 3 382.011, F.S.; clarifying the circumstances under
 4 which a case must be referred to the district medical
 5 examiner for the determination of cause of death;
 6 amending s. 406.06, F.S.; prohibiting user fees for
 7 specified services; providing an effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 382.011, Florida
 12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 382.011 Medical examiner determination of cause of death.—

14 (1) In the case of any death or fetal death involving the
 15 circumstances ~~due to causes or conditions~~ listed in s. 406.11(1)
 16 ~~406.11~~, any death that occurred more than 12 months after the
 17 decedent was last treated by a primary or attending physician as
 18 defined in s. 382.008(3), or any death for which there is reason
 19 to believe that the death may have been due to an unlawful act
 20 or neglect, the funeral director or other person to whose
 21 attention the death may come shall refer the case to the
 22 district medical examiner of the county in which the death
 23 occurred or the body was found for investigation and
 24 determination of the cause of death.

25 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 406.06, Florida
 26 Statutes, is amended to read:

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27 | 406.06 District medical examiners; associates; suspension
28 | of medical examiners.-

29 | (3) District medical examiners and associate medical
30 | examiners shall be entitled to compensation and such reasonable
31 | salary and fees as are established by the board of county
32 | commissioners in the respective districts; however, a medical
33 | examiner or a county may not charge a member of the public or
34 | any person licensed under chapter 497 a fee for an examination,
35 | investigation, or autopsy performed pursuant to s. 406.11.

36 | Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.