

By Senator Lee

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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 an investigation and determination of
6 cause of death; amending s. 406.06, F.S.; prohibiting
7 medical examiners from charging user fees for
8 specified services involving a determination of cause
9 of death; providing an effective date.

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

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

15 382.011 Medical examiner determination of cause of death.-

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

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

29 406.06 District medical examiners; associates; suspension

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30 of medical examiners.-

31 (3) District medical examiners and associate medical
32 examiners are ~~shall be~~ entitled to compensation and such
33 reasonable salary and fees as are established by the board of
34 county commissioners in the respective districts; however, a
35 medical examiner or a county may not charge a user fee for an
36 examination, investigation, or autopsy performed pursuant to s.
37 406.11.

38 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.