

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: CS/SB 620  
INTRODUCER: Fiscal Policy Committee; Senator Grimsley  
SUBJECT: Medical Examiners  
DATE: March 9, 2016

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

House Amendment 1 - 441261

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

The amendment prohibits a county or district medical examiner from charging a fee for determining the cause of death involving the circumstances listed in s. 406.11(1), F.S., (unusual circumstances):

- If the decedent is listed in the death record as a veteran or a minor, or
- To a person licensed under ch. 497, F.S., (a funeral director, embalmer, or direct disposer) or any other member of the public.

This amendment replaces the language in the CS/SB 620 which authorizes a county, by resolution or ordinance of the board of county commissioners, to charge a member of the public a fee for a medical examiner's approval when the body is to be cremated, buried at sea, or dissected, provided a fee is not charged when the death is under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner because the death involves unusual circumstances (circumstance list in s. 406.011(1)(a), F.S.). The amount of the fee may not exceed \$50 or the fee amount established on or before February 17, 2016. Of the 24 medical examiner districts, three districts do not charge creation approval fees, while 21 districts charge varying fees. District 11 (Miami-Dade County) charges \$63, and District 17 (Broward County) charges \$54 for cremation approval.