

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; and Senator Grimsley

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to medical examiners; amending s.
3 382.011, F.S.; providing that a member of the public
4 may not be charged for certain examinations,
5 investigations, or autopsies; authorizing a county to
6 charge a medical examiner approval fee under certain
7 circumstances; 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 s. 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. A county or district
25 medical examiner may not charge a member of the public a fee for
26 an examination, investigation, or autopsy performed to determine
27 the cause of death involving the circumstances listed in s.
28 406.11(1). However, a county, by resolution or ordinance of the
29 board of county commissioners, may charge a member of the public
30 a fee for medical examiner approval not to exceed \$50 or the fee
31 amount established by the board on or before February 17, 2016,
32 in a county that issued more than 3,000 such approvals during

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33 the previous calendar year when a body is to be cremated, buried
34 at sea, or dissected, provided the fee is not charged for a
35 death under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner when such
36 death involves the circumstances listed in s. 406.11(1) (a).

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.