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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 551

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the disposition of certain bodies."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 18.50.230(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) The funeral director or person acting as the funeral director
10 who first assumes custody of a dead body shall file the death certifi-
11 cate, except as otherwise provided in sec. 255 of this chapter. He
12 shall obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best quali-
13 fied person or source available. He shall obtain the medical
14 certification of cause of death from the person responsible for this
15 information.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 18.50.240(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) The funeral director or person acting as the funeral director
18 who first assumes custody of a fetus shall file the fetal death certi-
19 ficate, except as otherwise provided in sec. 255 of this chapter. In
20 his absence, the physician or other person in attendance at or after
21 the delivery shall file the certificate of fetal death. He shall
22 obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best qualified
23 person or source available. He shall obtain the medical certification
24 of cause of death from the person responsible for this information.

25 * Sec. 3. AS 18.50.250(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) The funeral director or person acting as the funeral director
27 who first assumes custody of a dead body or fetus shall obtain a
28 burial-transit permit before final disposition or removal from the
29 state of the body or fetus and within 72 hours after death, except as

1 otherwise authorized by sec. 255 of this chapter or by regulation for
2 special problem cases.

3 * Sec. 4. AS 18.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 18.50.255. EXCEPTIONS TO SECS. 230, 240 AND 250 OF THIS
5 CHAPTER. Nothing in secs. 230, 240 or 250 of this chapter requires
6 the use of the services of a funeral director or a person acting as
a funeral director when a fetal death occurs or when an infant dies
7 within 24 hours of birth if the parents do not request those services.
8 Fetal death or death registration is required but may be filed by the
9 person who first assumes custody of the fetus or body. A burial
10 permit is not required before final disposition of a fetus or the body
11 of an infant which dies within 24 hours of birth if the parents
12 authorize a hospital or the attending physician to dispose of the
13 fetus or body.
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