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Referred: Health, Education &  
Social Services and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ADAMS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 745

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to payment of costs for autopsies and  
7 payment of related costs."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 12.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 12.65.025. PAYMENT OF AUTOPSY AND RELATED COSTS. (a) When  
11 an autopsy is performed pursuant to a written order under AS 12.65.020,  
12 the court shall pay the costs of the autopsy, including storage and  
13 transportation costs.

14 (b) If the written order requires that the body be shipped to an  
15 urban area for autopsy and, as a result, embalming and other mortuary  
16 services are required that would not have been required if an autopsy  
17 had not been ordered, the court shall pay, in addition to the costs  
18 described in (a) of this section, the costs of embalming and other  
19 necessary mortuary services. In determining whether embalming or other  
20 services would not have been required but for the autopsy, the district  
21 judge or magistrate who ordered the autopsy shall consider such factors  
22 as the temperature and topography of the area in which the death occurred  
23 and of the place of burial and the normal and customary burial practices  
24 of the community to which the body is to be returned.  
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