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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 382 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the payment of costs of post
7 mortem examinations, autopsies, embalming, and re-
8 lated services; and providing for an effective date."
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 * Section 1. AS 12.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:
11 Sec. 12.65.025. POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS. (a) The commissioner
12 of health and social services shall designate the facilities at which
13 post mortem examinations and autopsies ordered under this chapter may
14 be performed. The Department of Health and Social Services shall pay
15 the costs of
16 (1) post mortem examinations and autopsies ordered under
17 this chapter;
18 (2) related transportation;
19 (3) embalming required by law; and
20 (4) cosmetology necessary to make the head, face, neck and
21 hands of the deceased presentable if those parts of the body are
22 disfigured by the autopsy.
23 (b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall provide
24 clothing and a casket for the deceased if the person legally
25 responsible for the burial, other than the state, is unable to pay for
26 clothing and a casket and the responsible person does not object.
27 (c) Instead of paying the cost of services listed under (a)(3),
28 (a)(4), and (b) of this section, the Department of Health and Social
29 Services may pay for the cremation and inurnment of the deceased if

1 (1) the person legally responsible for the burial requests
2 or approves the cremation and inurnment; and

3 (2) the cost to the department of the cremation and
4 inurnment does not exceed the cost to the state of services listed
5 under (a)(3), (a)(4), and (b) of this section that the department
6 would otherwise pay for or provide for the deceased.

7 (d) The Department of Health and Social Services shall establish
8 the maximum amounts or rates that the department will pay for services
9 under this section. Facilities designated under (a) of this section,
10 as a condition of their designation, shall agree to accept reimburse-
11 ment from the department as payment in full for services provided by
12 the facility under this section, and shall not seek reimbursement for
13 those services from a third party.

14 (e) A person is "unable to pay" under this section if the person

15 (1) is eligible for assistance under AS 47.25.120 - 47.25.-
16 300; or

17 (2) is otherwise unable to provide clothing and a casket
18 for the deceased.

19 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
20 10.070(c).