

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 268

Short Title: Pay Funeral Dir. for Transporting Dead Bodies. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Sawyer (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 13, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER TO PAY A
3 FEE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS WHO, BY ORDER OF A COUNTY MEDICAL
4 EXAMINER, TRANSPORT DEAD BODIES TO HOSPITALS OR FUNERAL HOMES
5 FOR EXAMINATION; AND REQUIRING THAT THE AMOUNT OF THIS FEE BE
6 ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Commission for Public Health shall amend 10A NCAC 44 .0204
9 to do the following:

- 10 (1) To require the State to pay a fee in the amount of forty dollars (\$40.00) to any
11 funeral director who, by order of a county medical examiner, transports a dead
12 body to a hospital or funeral home for examination; provided, however, that
13 no fee has been paid to a hospital pursuant to 10A NCAC 44 .0204 to transport
14 the same body. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is authorized to
15 begin paying this fee on the effective date of this act.
- 16 (2) To require that, beginning January 1, 2027, and every four years thereafter,
17 the Commission for Public Health adjust the amount of the fee paid pursuant
18 to 10A NCAC 44 .0204 for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price
19 Index computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Any such adjustment shall
20 be rounded to the nearest cent.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to transports
22 occurring on or after that date.



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