



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1002

SENATE BILL NO. 2266

By Yager, Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2206

By Windle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 44; Title 62, Chapter 5; Title 68 and Title 69, Chapter 3, relative to cremation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

39-14-218.

(a) As used in this section, "cremation" means the heating process by which the remains of a deceased animal are reduced to bone fragments through combustion and evaporation; provided, however, that "cremation" does not include any reduction of animal remains to bone fragments that is incidental to the preparation of food or any manufacturing process.

(b) No person who, for remuneration, engages in the cremation of animal remains in this state, shall fail to ensure that a written receipt is provided to each person who delivers animal remains to such person for cremation. The receipt shall be signed by both the person who receives the animal remains and the person who delivered the animal remains for cremation and shall indicate:

(1) The name of the deceased animal, if any;

(2) The date and time of delivery;

(3) The name of the person who delivered the animal remains for cremation; and

(4) The name of the person who received the animal remains for cremation from the person identified in subdivision (b)(3).

(c) At the time of releasing the cremated remains of an animal, a person who, for remuneration, engages in the cremation of animal remains in this state shall ensure that a written receipt signed by both the person who released the cremated animal remains and the person who received the cremated animal remains is provided to the person who received the cremated animal remains. The receipt shall indicate:

(1) The name of the deceased animal, if any;

(2) The date and time of the release;

(3) The name of the person to whom the cremated animal remains were released; and

(4) The name of the person who released the cremated animal remains to the person identified in subdivision (c)(3).

(d) The requirements of this section shall not apply to veterinarians licensed to practice in this state in accordance with title 63, chapter 12, part 1.

(e) Failure to provide a receipt as required by subsections (b) or (c) is a Class E felony. In addition to any authorized period of incarceration, failure to provide a receipt as required by subsections (b) or (c) is punishable by a fine in the amount of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 17, 2014



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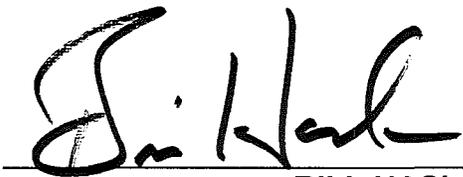
RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2014



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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR