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H.B. No. 1739

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to electronic submission of certain information on a death certificate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 193.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 193.002. PERSON REQUIRED TO FILE. The person in charge of interment or in charge of removal of a body from a registration district for disposition shall:

(1) obtain and file the death certificate or fetal death certificate;

(2) enter on the certificate the information relating to disposition of the body; ~~and~~

(3) sign the certificate; and

(4) file the certificate electronically as specified by the state registrar.

SECTION 2. Section 193.005(h), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The person completing the medical certification shall submit the information and attest to its validity using ~~either by signature or by~~ an electronic process approved by the state registrar.

SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 193.002 and 193.005, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, any funeral

1 home that does not on the effective date of this Act renew its
2 establishment license electronically is not required to comply with
3 the change in law made by this Act before September 1, 2008.

4 (b) Notwithstanding Sections 193.002 and 193.005, Health
5 and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, any doctor that does not on
6 the effective date of this Act renew the doctor's license online is
7 not required to comply with the change in law made by this Act
8 before September 1, 2008.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.