

1-1 By: Hartnett (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 1739
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2007;
1-3 April 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 4, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 4, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to electronic submission of certain information on a death
1-9 certificate.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 193.002, Health and Safety Code, is
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 193.002. PERSON REQUIRED TO FILE. The person in
1-14 charge of interment or in charge of removal of a body from a
1-15 registration district for disposition shall:

1-16 (1) obtain and file the death certificate or fetal
1-17 death certificate;

1-18 (2) enter on the certificate the information relating
1-19 to disposition of the body; ~~and~~

1-20 (3) sign the certificate; and

1-21 (4) file the certificate electronically as specified
1-22 by the state registrar.

1-23 SECTION 2. Section 193.005(h), Health and Safety Code, is
1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 (h) The person completing the medical certification shall
1-26 submit the information and attest to its validity using ~~either by~~
1-27 ~~signature or by~~ an electronic process approved by the state
1-28 registrar.

1-29 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 193.002 and
1-30 193.005, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, any funeral
1-31 home that does not on the effective date of this Act renew its
1-32 establishment license electronically is not required to comply with
1-33 the change in law made by this Act before September 1, 2008.

1-34 (b) Notwithstanding Sections 193.002 and 193.005, Health
1-35 and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, any doctor that does not on
1-36 the effective date of this Act renew the doctor's license online is
1-37 not required to comply with the change in law made by this Act
1-38 before September 1, 2008.

1-39 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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