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S.B. No. 292

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a request for a waiver of the waiting period before  
3 human remains may be cremated.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 716.004, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (b) to read as follows:

7 (b) A justice of the peace or medical examiner's office  
8 authorized to grant a waiver under Subsection (a) shall adopt a  
9 written policy for requesting a waiver under Subsection (a). In  
10 adopting the written policy, the justice of the peace or medical  
11 examiner's office shall consider how a person makes a request, and  
12 how the justice of the peace or medical examiner may process the  
13 request as quickly as possible. The written policy must outline the  
14 process of making a request for a waiver under Subsection (a) during  
15 regular business hours and outside of regular business hours,  
16 including on a weekend day or holiday.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.