By:  Davis of Dallas (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 1731

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019; May 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; May 20, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols              X

Campbell             X

Creighton            X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire             X

Zaffirini            X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1731 By:  Hancock

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payment for funeral services performed by a transferring funeral home under a purchase agreement for funeral services or merchandise.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 651.406, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e)  A funeral establishment that receives a dead human body transferred from another funeral establishment shall include in the purchase agreement any amount owed by the customer to the transferring funeral establishment. The recipient funeral establishment shall remit to the transferring funeral establishment any amount collected on behalf of the transferring funeral establishment.

SECTION 2.  Section 651.406(e), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a purchase agreement entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A purchase agreement entered into or renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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