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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0176
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 Subject: Cremation
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

Senate Bill 176 amends Section 44-63-74 by requiring death certificates to be electronically filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics within three days after death; and that medical certifications of cause of death must be completed by the patient's physician and returned to the funeral home director within forty-eight hours after death. The bill provides for exceptions and penalties for failure to meet deadlines. The bill amends Section 32-8-325 to authorize cremation after a death certificate abstract posted on the death certificate electronic filing system has been received by a crematory. An amendment to Section 32-8-340 allows human remains to be cremated after twenty-four hours have elapsed from the time of death as indicated on a death certificate abstract posted on the death certificate electronic filing system.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control indicates that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure & Revenue

N/A


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