

HOUSE BILL No. 2518

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning vital statistics; relating to electronic filing of death
2 certificates and related documentation; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp.
3 65-2412 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-2412 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 65-2412. (a) A death certificate or stillbirth certificate for each
8 death or stillbirth which occurs in this state shall be filed with the state
9 registrar within three days after such death and prior to removal of the
10 body from the state and shall be registered by the state registrar if such
11 death certificate or stillbirth certificate has been completed and filed in
12 accordance with this section. If the place of death is unknown, a death
13 certificate shall be filed indicating the location where the body was found
14 as the place of death. A certificate shall be filed within three days after
15 such occurrence; if death occurs in a moving conveyance, the death
16 certificate shall record the location where the dead body was first removed
17 from such conveyance as the place of death.

18 (b) The funeral director or person acting as such who first assumes
19 custody of a dead body shall file the death certificate. Such person shall
20 obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best qualified person or
21 source available and shall obtain the medical certification of cause of death
22 from the physician last in attendance prior to burial. The death certificate
23 filed with the state registrar shall be the official death record, except that a
24 funeral director licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1714, and amendments
25 thereto, may verify as true and accurate information pertaining to a death
26 on a form provided by the state registrar, and any such form, verified
27 within 21 days of date of death, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts
28 therein stated for purposes of establishing death. The secretary of health
29 and environment shall fix and collect a fee for each form provided a
30 funeral director pursuant to this subsection. The fee shall be collected at
31 the time the form is provided the funeral director and shall be in the same
32 amount as the fee for a certified copy of a death certificate.

33 (c) When death occurred without medical attendance or when inquiry
34 is required by the laws relating to postmortem examinations, the coroner
35 shall investigate the cause of death and shall complete and sign the
36 medical certification within 24 hours after receipt of the death certificate

1 or as provided in K.S.A. 65-2414, and amendments thereto.

2 (d) In every instance a certificate shall be filed prior to interment or
3 disposal of the body.

4 (e) *On and after January 1, 2017, any death certificate, stillbirth*
5 *certificate or medical certification required to be filed by this section shall*
6 *be filed through the Kansas electronic death registration system*
7 *maintained by the Kansas department of health and environment.*

8 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-2412 is hereby repealed.

9 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.