

REFRIGERATION AT FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORIES

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House Bills 6290 and 6291 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Webber

Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

House Bills 6290 and 6291 would require funeral homes and crematories to have refrigerators suitable for storing dead human bodies and to use those refrigerators for that purpose if a body is not embalmed or cremated within 24 hours after arriving at the facility.

House Bill 6290 would amend the Occupational Code to require a funeral establishment to have a refrigeration unit that is suitable for housing dead human bodies.

Every January 1 beginning in 2021, the funeral establishment would have to ensure that its refrigeration unit has enough spaces for dead human bodies by dividing the number of bodies it processed in the previous calendar year by 48 and taking that number as its required minimum number of spaces.

The bill would also require that, within 24 hours after a dead human body arrives at a funeral establishment, the establishment must either embalm it or store it in a refrigeration unit with an air temperature of not more than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

MCL 339.1809

House Bill 6291 would amend the Cemetery Regulation Act to require the owner or operator of a crematory to establish and maintain a refrigeration unit that is suitable for storing human remains.

The bill would also require that, within 24 hours after the body of a deceased individual arrives at a crematory, the owner or operator must either cremate it or store it in a refrigeration unit with an air temperature of not more than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Proposed MCL 456.532b

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 6290 and 6291 would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or on other units of state or local government. The bills would create requirements for licensees, but the bills would not expand the scope of the department's regulatory responsibility.

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