

# Legislative Analysis

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## REFRIGERATION AT FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORIES

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**House Bills 6290 and 6291 (proposed H-1 substitutes)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Michael Webber**  
**Committee: Regulatory Reform**  
**Complete to 11-29-20**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bills 6290 and 6291 would require funeral homes and crematories that house dead human bodies to have a refrigeration unit with sufficient capacity and to use that unit if a body is not embalmed or cremated within 24 hours after arriving at the facility. The bills would take effect January 1, 2022.

**House Bill 6290** would amend the Occupational Code to require a funeral establishment that houses dead human bodies to have a refrigeration unit that has the capacity to provide a space for each dead human body housed in the funeral establishment. Within 24 hours after the arrival of a dead human body at a funeral establishment, the establishment would have to either embalm it or store it in the refrigeration unit with an air temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

MCL 339.1809

**House Bill 6291** would amend the Cemetery Regulation Act to require the owner or operator of a crematory where human remains are stored for 24 hours or more to have a refrigeration unit that is suitable for storing human remains. Within 24 hours after the arrival of the body of a deceased individual at a crematory, the owner or operator would have to either cremate it or store it in the refrigeration unit with an air temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

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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