

**CHAPTER 80**

## INMATE TRANSFER REQUIREMENT DELETED

S.F. 203

**AN ACT** relating to escorts during the transfer of inmates committed to the custody of the director of the department of corrections.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 246.503, subsection 4, Code 1989, is amended by striking the subsection.

Approved May 1, 1989

**CHAPTER 81**

## CREMATION PERMITS

S.F. 216

**AN ACT** relating to the issuance of cremation permits, providing reporting requirements, providing for the payment of costs, and making penalties applicable.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 331.805, subsection 3, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

3. a. It is unlawful to cremate, bury, or send out of the state the body of a deceased person when death occurred in a manner specified in section 331.802, subsection 3, until a medical examiner certifies in writing that the examiner has viewed the body, has made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and all necessary autopsy or postmortem examinations have been completed. However, the body of a deceased person may be sent out of state for the purpose of an autopsy or postmortem examination if the county medical examiner certifies in writing that the out-of-state autopsy or postmortem examination is necessary or, in the case of a death which is not of public interest as specified in section 331.802, subsection 3, if the attending physician certifies to the county medical examiner that the performance of the autopsy out of state is proper.

b. If the next of kin, guardian, or other person authorized to act on behalf of a deceased person has requested that the body of the deceased person be cremated, a permit for cremation must be obtained from a medical examiner. However, a permit is not required if the deceased person was a member of an established religion whose tenets are opposed to the inspection or examination of the body of a deceased person. Cremation permits by the medical examiner must be made on the most current forms prepared at the direction of and approved by the state medical examiner, with copies forwarded to the state medical examiner's office. Costs for the cremation permit issued by a medical examiner shall not exceed twenty-five dollars. The costs shall be borne by the family, next of kin, guardian of the decedent, or other person.

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