

CHAPTER 1024

PAYMENT OF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS' FEES AND EXPENSES

H.F. 2246

AN ACT relating to the collection and payment of fees and expenses of county medical examiners.

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

Section 1. Section 331.802, subsection 2, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

2. If a person's death affects the public interest, the county medical examiner shall conduct a preliminary investigation of the cause and manner of death, prepare a written report of the findings, promptly submit the full report to the state medical examiner on forms prescribed for that purpose, and submit a copy of the report to the county attorney. For each preliminary investigation and the preparation and submission of the required reports, the county medical examiner shall receive from the county of appointment a fee determined by the board plus the examiner's actual expenses. The fee and expenses paid by the county of appointment shall be paid reimbursed to the county of appointment by the county of the person's residence. However, if the person's death is caused by a defendant for whom a judgment of conviction and sentence is rendered under section 707.2, 707.3, 707.4, 707.5, or 707.6A, the county of the person's residence may recover from the defendant the fee and expenses. The fee and expenses of the county medical examiner who performs an autopsy or conducts an investigation of a person who dies after being brought into this state for emergency medical treatment by or at the direction of an out-of-state law enforcement officer or public authority shall be paid by the state. A claim for payment shall be filed with the Iowa department of public health.

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CHAPTER 1025

DRAINAGE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS IN PROTECTED WETLANDS

H.F. 2317

AN ACT relating to drainage districts, by providing for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of improvements within drainage districts.

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

Section 1. Section 456B.13, subsection 3, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3. This section does not ~~prevent a~~ prohibit any of the following:

a. A landowner ~~from~~ utilizing the bed of a protected wetland for pasture or cropland if there is no construction of dikes, ditches, tile lines, or buildings and the agricultural use does not result in drainage.

b. A person maintaining, repairing, or replacing an improvement to a drainage district as provided in chapter 468, as long as the improvement continues to serve the drainage district and the functions of the improvement are not expanded beyond the scope of functions as designed prior to the maintenance, repair, or replacement.

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