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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the requirements for approval of certain  
2 cremation permits.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 331.805, subsection 3, paragraph b,  
 2 Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:  
 3 b. If the next of kin, guardian, or other person  
 4 authorized to act on behalf of a deceased person has requested  
 5 that the body of the deceased person be cremated, a permit for  
 6 cremation must be obtained from a medical examiner. However,  
 7 a permit is not required if the deceased person was a member  
 8 of an established religion whose tenets are opposed to the  
 9 inspection or examination of the body of a deceased person.  
 10 Cremation permits by the medical examiner must be made on the  
 11 most current forms prepared at the direction of and approved  
 12 by the state medical examiner, with copies forwarded to the  
 13 state medical examiner's office. The examiner is not required  
 14 to view the body but shall make personal inquiry into the  
 15 cause and manner of death. Costs for the cremation permit  
 16 issued by a medical examiner shall not exceed twenty-five  
 17 dollars. The costs shall be borne by the family, next of kin,  
 18 guardian of the decedent, or other person.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides that the issuance of a cremation permit  
 21 by a medical examiner for cremation of a deceased person as  
 22 requested by the next of kin, guardian, or other person  
 23 authorized to act on behalf of the deceased person, and which  
 24 decision is not one affecting the public interest, does not  
 25 require that the medical examiner view the body but does  
 26 require personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death.

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