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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to determining the costs of a cremation permit.

2 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 1995, 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. Costs for the cremation  
14 permit issued by a medical examiner shall ~~not-exceed-twenty-~~  
15 ~~five-dollars~~ be determined by the board of each county. The  
16 costs shall be borne by the family, next of kin, guardian of  
17 the decedent, or other person.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill eliminates the statewide uniform cremation permit  
20 cost of no more than \$25. The bill authorizes the board of  
21 supervisors in each county to determine the cost of a  
22 cremation permit.

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