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Burial/Disinterment Fee Issue

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Local Registrars' Offices:

Public Law 2007, c.98, Assembly Bill 4293 has been signed into law by Governor Corzine and establishes that effective September 1, 2007 for a period of three years the burial permit fee shall be raised from \$1 to \$15. The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services has determined that \$5 of the burial permit fee shall be retained by the municipality to offset the costs related to the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) and the remaining \$10 shall be retained by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration to fund the development, maintenance and deployment of the EDRS.

For all death certificates filed electronically with the local registrar via the EDRS from September 1, 2007 up to and including August 31, 2010 the \$15 fee will be assessed within the EDRS at the time the funeral director submits the case to the local registrar. The \$5 burial/disinterment permit allocated to the local registrar will be transmitted to the municipality account via an ACH transaction within 72 hours.

For all paper death certificates filed at the counter with the local registrar from September 1, 2007 up to and including August 31, 2010 the funeral director shall be responsible for remitting payment in the amount of \$15 to the local registrar. On a quarterly basis the local registrar will submit to the State Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration the \$10 fee via a form being designed that will function in the same manner as the Domestic Partnership fees are forwarded to the State.

Municipalities do not have to enact an ordinance regarding the burial or disinterment permit fee as the burial or disinterment permit fee **must** be charged at the rate established in the State statute.

The form for remitting fees collected for manually filed death certificates will be provided to the local registrar prior to implementation of the fee.

The New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association has been advised of this bulletin and will notify their members accordingly. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to me immediately at (609) 292-4087 extension 506.

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