

## HOUSE BILL No. 2121

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning cremation; relating to the authority of coroners to  
2 issue permits; amending K.S.A. 65-2426a and repealing the existing  
3 section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-2426a is hereby amended to read as follows:  
7 65-2426a. No dead body, as such term is defined in subsection (4) of  
8 K.S.A. 65-2401, and amendments thereto, shall be cremated unless a  
9 coroner's permit to cremate has been furnished to authorize such  
10 cremation. *The coroner's permit to cremate shall be authorized by the*  
11 *coroner of the jurisdiction in which the death occurs. The coroner may*  
12 *transfer jurisdiction to another jurisdiction if the coroners of both*  
13 *jurisdictions agree to the transfer in writing. If the transfer occurs, then*  
14 *the authority to cremate follows and is limited to the new jurisdiction. A*  
15 *telefacsimile signed copy of the coroner's permit to cremate which*  
16 *authorizes the cremation shall constitute legal authorization for such*  
17 *cremation under this section. The provisions of this section shall be*  
18 *construed as supplemental to and as a part of the uniform vital statistics*  
19 *act. Any person who knowingly violates this section, upon conviction,*  
20 *shall be fined not more than \$500.*

21 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-2426a is hereby repealed.

22 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
23 publication in the statute book.  
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