

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2166 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, FREEMAN, PROBST, SANCHEZ, GUENST, KINSEY, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, HILL-EVANS, KAZEEM, SCHLOSSBERG, CONKLIN AND GREEN, MARCH 27, 2024

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 22, 2024

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled~~ <--
2 ~~"An act relating to counties of the first, second class A,~~
3 ~~third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes;~~
4 ~~amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws~~
5 ~~relating thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by~~
6 ~~counties, including authorizing imposition of an excise tax~~
7 ~~on the rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first~~
8 ~~class; and providing for regional renaissance initiatives,"~~
9 ~~in coroner, further providing for fees for reports.~~
10 AMENDING TITLE 16 (COUNTIES) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED <--
11 STATUTES, IN CORONER, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FEES FOR REPORTS.
12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:
14 ~~Section 1. Section 1252 B of the act of August 9, 1955~~ <--
15 ~~(P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended to read:~~
16 ~~Section 1252 B. Fees for reports.~~
17 ~~[The] (a) General rule. Except as provided in subsection~~
18 ~~(b), the coroner shall charge and collect a fee of \$500 for an~~
19 ~~autopsy report, \$100 for a toxicology report, \$100 for an~~
20 ~~inquisition or coroner's report, \$50 for a cremation or~~
21 ~~disposition authorization and other fees as may be established~~

1 ~~from time to time for other reports or documents requested by~~
2 ~~nongovernmental agencies in order to investigate a claim~~
3 ~~asserted under a policy of insurance or to determine liability~~
4 ~~for the death of the deceased.~~

5 ~~(b) Fees for next of kin of deceased. The coroner may~~
6 ~~charge and collect a fee of not more than \$100 for an autopsy~~
7 ~~report, \$50 for a toxicology report and \$50 for an inquisition~~
8 ~~or coroner's report requested by the spouse, child, parent or~~
9 ~~sibling of the deceased.~~

10 ~~(c) Accounting for and use of fees collected. The fees~~
11 ~~collected under this section shall be accounted for and paid to~~
12 ~~the county treasurer in accordance with section 1760 and shall~~
13 ~~be used to defray the expenses involved in the county complying~~
14 ~~with the training of coroners or coroner office personnel, as~~
15 ~~may be required or authorized by this or any other act.~~

16 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

17 SECTION 1. SECTION 13952 OF TITLE 16 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
18 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, ADDED MAY 8, 2024 (P.L. , NO.14), IS
19 AMENDED TO READ:

20 § 13952. FEES FOR REPORTS.

21 ~~[THE] (A) GENERAL RULE.--EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION~~
22 ~~(B), THE CORONER SHALL CHARGE AND COLLECT A FEE OF \$500 FOR AN~~
23 ~~AUTOPSY REPORT, \$100 FOR A TOXICOLOGY REPORT, \$100 FOR AN~~
24 ~~INQUISITION OR CORONER'S REPORT, \$50 FOR A CREMATION OR~~
25 ~~DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION AND OTHER FEES AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED~~
26 ~~FOR OTHER REPORTS OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY NONGOVERNMENTAL~~
27 ~~AGENCIES IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE A CLAIM ASSERTED UNDER A POLICY~~
28 ~~OF INSURANCE OR TO DETERMINE LIABILITY FOR THE DEATH OF THE~~
29 ~~DECEASED.~~

30 ~~(B) FEES FOR NEXT-OF-KIN AND GUARDIAN OF DECEASED.--THE~~

1 CORONER MAY CHARGE AND COLLECT A FEE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100 FOR
2 AN AUTOPSY REPORT, \$50 FOR A TOXICOLOGY REPORT AND \$50 FOR AN
3 INQUISITION OR CORONER'S REPORT REQUESTED BY THE SPOUSE, CHILD,
4 PARENT, GUARDIAN OR SIBLING OF THE DECEASED.

5 (C) ACCOUNTING FOR AND USE OF FEES COLLECTED.--THE FEES
6 COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR AND PAID TO
7 THE COUNTY TREASURER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14960 (RELATING
8 TO RECEIPTS AND ACCOUNTS OF MONEY DUE COUNTY) AND SHALL BE USED
9 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES INVOLVED IN THE COUNTY COMPLYING WITH THE
10 TRAINING OF CORONERS OR CORONER OFFICE PERSONNEL, AS MAY BE
11 REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS PART OR ANY OTHER ACT.

12 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.