

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 611 – HB 624

March 18, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Expands the definition of “funeral directing” in Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-5-101(6)(A) to include directing or supervising other commemorative services.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004671): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes that nothing shall prohibit a licensed funeral establishment from preparing remains for disposition or performing, or offering to perform, commemorative services. Defines “commemorative services” as any ceremony for the dead prior to burial, cremation, or any other legal form of final disposition.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Authorizing licensed funeral establishments to prepare remains for disposition, or perform, or offer to perform commemorative services is assumed to have no significant impact on the current services offered by licensed funeral establishments; therefore, this bill as amended is estimated to have no significant impact on the current regulatory duties of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Authorizing licensed funeral establishments to prepare remains for disposition, or performing, or offering to perform commemorative services is assumed to have no significant impact on the current services offered by licensed funeral establishments; therefore, this bill as amended is estimated to have no significant impact on jobs or commerce in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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