

SENATE BILL No. 530

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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9 AN ACT concerning death certificates; amending K.S.A. 65-2412 and
10 repealing the existing section.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-2412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
14 2412. (a) A death certificate or stillbirth certificate for each death or
15 stillbirth which occurs in this state shall be filed with the state registrar
16 within three days after such death and prior to removal of the body from
17 the state and shall be registered by the state registrar if such death cer-
18 tificate or stillbirth certificate has been completed and filed in accordance
19 with this section. If the place of death is unknown, a death certificate
20 shall be filed indicating the location where the body was found as the
21 place of death. A certificate shall be filed within three days after such
22 occurrence; if death occurs in a moving conveyance, the death certificate
23 shall record the location where the dead body was first removed from
24 such conveyance as the place of death.

25 (b) The funeral director or person acting as such who first assumes
26 custody of a dead body or fetus shall file the death certificate. Such person
27 shall obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best qualified
28 person or source available and shall obtain the medical certification of
29 cause of death from the physician last in attendance prior to burial. *If the*
30 *deceased is a woman, in addition to other personal data the death certif-*
31 *icate shall list the maternal status of the woman.* The death certificate
32 filed with the state registrar shall be the official death record, except that
33 a funeral director licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1714, and amendments
34 thereto, may verify as true and accurate information pertaining to a death
35 on a form provided by the state registrar, and any such form, verified
36 within 21 days of date of death, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts
37 therein stated for purposes of establishing death. The secretary of health
38 and environment shall fix and collect a fee for each form provided a
39 funeral director pursuant to this subsection. The fee shall be collected at
40 the time the form is provided the funeral director and shall be in the
41 same amount as the fee for a certified copy of a death certificate.

42 (c) When death occurred without medical attendance or when in-
43 quiry is required by the laws relating to postmortem examinations, the

1 coroner shall investigate the cause of death and shall complete and sign
2 the medical certification within 24 hours after receipt of the death cer-
3 tificate or as provided in K.S.A. 65-2414, and amendments thereto.

4 (d) In every instance a certificate shall be filed prior to interment or
5 disposal of the body.

6 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-2412 is hereby repealed.

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