

Thursday, January 22, 2004

Chairperson Jim Morrison
House Health and Human Services Committee

Chairperson Morrison and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee today. My name is Mack Smith, and I am the executive secretary to the Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts. I appear before you to request introduction of a bill that addresses the following issues:

Section 1–Defines where a dead human body may be taken to upon removal from the place of death.

Section 2–Would give the Mortuary Arts Board investigative subpoena authority.

Section 3–Amendments would allow for changes relating to the embalmer examination.

Section 4–Amendments to the Mortuary Arts Board Actions Statute including the ability to fine with updates to the provisions relating to violations.

Section 5–Eliminates the provision relating to subpoenas addressed in section one of the bill.

Economic Impact Statement

The only known areas of economic impact would be the cost to the Mortuary Arts Board involving subpoenas and costs to the individuals found guilty (following the guidelines of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act) of the provisions outlined in section four in the bill.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee today. I will do my best to answer any questions you may have at this time and request the committee's consideration for introduction of this bill.

Respectfully submitted:

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