

## HOUSE BILL No. 2358

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning public health; relating to the uniform vital statistics  
2 act; medical certification of an individual's cause of death; permitting  
3 mid-level practitioners to provide certification thereto; amending  
4 K.S.A. 65-2412 and repealing the existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-2412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
8 2412. (a) A death certificate or stillbirth certificate for each death or  
9 stillbirth ~~which~~ *that* occurs in this state shall be filed with the state  
10 registrar within three days after such death and prior to removal of the  
11 body from the state and shall be registered by the state registrar if such  
12 death certificate or stillbirth certificate has been completed and filed in  
13 accordance with this section. If the place of death is unknown, a death  
14 certificate shall be filed indicating the location where the body was found  
15 as the place of death. A certificate shall be filed within three days after  
16 such occurrence; if death occurs in a moving conveyance, the death  
17 certificate shall record the location where the dead body was first removed  
18 from such conveyance as the place of death.

19 (b) (1) The funeral director or person acting as such who first  
20 assumes custody of a dead body shall file the death certificate. Such  
21 person shall obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best  
22 qualified person or source available and shall obtain the medical  
23 certification of cause of death from ~~the~~ *a physician, coroner, deputy*  
24 *coroner, special deputy coroner or a mid-level practitioner as defined in*  
25 *K.S.A. 65-1626, and amendments thereto, who was last in attendance prior*  
26 *to burial.*

27 (2) The death certificate filed with the state registrar shall be the  
28 official death record, except that a funeral director licensed pursuant to  
29 K.S.A. 65-1714, and amendments thereto, may verify as true and accurate  
30 information pertaining to a death on a form provided by the state registrar,  
31 and any such form, verified within 21 days of date of death, shall be prima  
32 facie evidence of the facts ~~therein stated for purposes of~~ *pertaining to*  
33 *establishing such death.*

34 (3) The secretary of health and environment shall fix and collect a fee  
35 for each form provided *to* a funeral director pursuant to this subsection.  
36 The fee shall be collected at the time the form is provided *to* the funeral

1 director and shall be in the same amount as the fee for a certified copy of a  
2 death certificate.

3 (c) When death occurred without medical attendance or when inquiry  
4 is required by the laws relating to postmortem examinations, the coroner  
5 shall investigate the cause of death and shall complete and sign the  
6 medical certification within 24 hours after receipt of the death certificate  
7 or as provided in K.S.A. 65-2414, and amendments thereto.

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

10 (e) ~~On and after January 1, 2017,~~ Any death certificate, stillbirth  
11 certificate or medical certification required to be filed by this section shall  
12 be filed through the Kansas electronic death registration system  
13 maintained by the Kansas department of health and environment.

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

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