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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2717

As Amended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2717, as amended, amends the law regarding crematories. The bill requires the crematory operator in charge of a licensed crematory to hold a Kansas funeral director's or embalmer's license, unless the crematory receives only dead human bodies for cremation through licensed funeral establishments or branch funeral establishments.

The House Committee amendment clarifies that the original bill was not intended to require all crematories to be under the supervision of a licensed funeral director or embalmer; but only those that are not conducting immediate cremations and might hold bodies for an extended period of time.

Background

HB 2717 was requested by the Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, whose representative explained that the bill represents the best way to assure that dead human bodies are properly cared for and that the health and safety of the public is protected.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill will have no fiscal effect.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>