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S.P. 116

In Senate, January 21, 2025

An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3024, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEE, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 The salary of the Chief Medical Examiner of the State must be set by the Governor.
5 Other nonsalaried medical examiners and nonsalaried medicolegal death investigators,
6 upon the submission of their completed report to the Chief Medical Examiner, must be paid
7 a fee of up to ~~\$100~~ \$150 for an inspection and view and are entitled to receive travel
8 expenses to be calculated at the mileage rate currently paid to state employees pursuant to
9 Title 5, section 8. An additional fee of \$50 may be authorized by the Chief Medical
10 Examiner for payment to other nonsalaried medical examiners and nonsalaried medicolegal
11 death investigators for visits to death scenes other than hospitals.

12 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3024, 4th ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 445, §1 and affected
13 by §3, is further amended to read:

14 ~~The Chief Medical Examiner may authorize any other expenses necessary to carry out~~
15 ~~the Chief Medical Examiner's duties.~~ The Chief Medical Examiner shall reimburse a
16 funeral establishment that transports a body to Augusta at the request of the Office of Chief
17 Medical Examiner at the following rates: for up to and including the first 25 miles, \$120;
18 for the next 25 miles, \$2 per mile traveled while actually transporting a body; and for miles
19 in excess of 50, \$1.75 per mile traveled while actually transporting a body.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill increases the fee paid to nonsalaried medical examiners and nonsalaried
22 medicolegal death investigators from \$100 to \$150 and eliminates the authority of the Chief
23 Medical Examiner to authorize any other expenses necessary to carry out the Chief Medical
24 Examiner's duties.