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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES BILL SUMMARY



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The bill also requires the department to develop a comprehensive rehabilitation service system for head injured persons. This program will be funded by a \$2 increase in the fee for renewal on an operator's license for motor vehicles.

The committee amendment (S-246) deleted the provisions which establish a Head Injury Rehabilitation Service Fund which would have been funded by an increase in the driver's license fee. It provided an appropriation of \$200,000 each year from the General Fund to be used to implement this service system, within the limits of the available resources. It also permitted the Bureau of Rehabilitation to accept gifts to assist in carrying out its responsibilities under the Independent Living Service for Severely Disabled Persons law.

This amendment also required the Department of Human Services to report to the Legislature on the implementation of this bill by January 15, 1986.

A Senate Amendment (S-252) corrected an error in numbering the sections in the bill.

LD: 1517 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES STEVENSON OF MUNICIPAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED PUBLIC CH # 245

SUMMARY:

The original bill (LD 910) amended the law dealing with burial of persons eligible for municipal assistance to provide that funeral directors need not give notice to the overseer prior to making burial preparations when circumstances prevent that notice.

This new draft provides that notification be given prior to burial or by the end of the next business day following the funeral director's receipt of the body, whichever is earlier.