



**149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 233
SPONSOR:	Representative Mitchell
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCE.

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation

This Act clarifies that the Division of Forensic Science can set reasonable fees in its regulations related to the issuance of any cremation permits, postmortem records, or statistics.

Affected Entities

This Act would affect any person, firm, corporation or association that would request any postmortem record, cremation permit, or statistics. This Act makes any Delaware criminal justice agency exempt from the fee.

Fiscal Impact Estimate

This Act would require a fee of no more than \$250 for any person, firm, corporation or association requesting a cremation permit. The Division of Forensic Science is proposing for this fee to be \$50. The Division of Forensic Science anticipates an average of 3,500 cremation permit requests per year for an annual state revenue totaling \$175,000.

In addition, this Act would require any person, firm, corporation or association that is not a Delaware criminal justice agency requesting any postmortem records or statistics to pay a reasonable fee based on a schedule to be set by the Division of Forensic Science. The Division of Forensic Science is proposing that the fees in this schedule be set at \$30 per record for family members and \$120 per record for any firm, corporation or association. The Division of Forensic Science anticipates an average of 900 postmortem record or statistic requests per year with half (450) of these requests resulting from family members and half (450) from firms, corporations or associations for an annual state revenue totaling \$67,500.

Intended Use of Revenue

The revenue generated from both fees would be utilized for the operational costs required to perform these services.

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