

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2385 Session of
2006

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JANUARY 25, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 25, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," further
9 providing for requests for coroners' examinations and
10 reports.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 1236.1 of the act of August 9, 1955
14 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, added November 29,
15 1990 (P.L.602, No.152), is amended to read:

16 Section 1236.1. Requests for Examinations and Reports.--(a)
17 Requests for examinations or other professional services by
18 other counties or persons may be complied with at the discretion
19 of the coroner pursuant to guidelines established by the county

1 commissioners.

2 (b) A set of fees and charges for such examinations or
3 professional services shall be established by the coroner,
4 subject to approval by the county commissioners, and shall be
5 accounted for and paid to the county treasurer pursuant to
6 section 1760. Payment for examinations or professional services
7 shall be the responsibility of the county or person requesting
8 such services.

9 (c) The coroner may charge and collect a fee of up to one
10 hundred dollars (\$100) for each autopsy report, up to fifty
11 dollars (\$50) for each toxicology report, up to fifty dollars
12 (\$50) for each inquisition or coroner's report and such other
13 fees as may be established from time to time for other reports
14 and documents requested by nongovernmental agencies. The fees
15 collected shall be accounted for and paid to the county
16 treasurer pursuant to section 1760 and shall be used to defray
17 the expenses involved in the county complying with the
18 provisions of the act of March 2, 1988 (P.L.108, No.22),
19 referred to as the Coroners' Education Board Law.

20 (d) Nothing in this act shall prohibit a coroner from
21 disclosing official and unofficial records, reports, documents
22 and investigative information to members of a domestic violence
23 fatality review team established by a statutory provision which
24 authorizes the team to investigate and analyze fatalities
25 related to domestic violence.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.