

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 594 Session of 2007

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STACK, MARCH 20, 2007

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 20, 2007

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  
20 commissioners.

21 (b) A set of fees and charges for such examinations or

1 professional services shall be established by the coroner,  
2 subject to approval by the county commissioners, and shall be  
3 accounted for and paid to the county treasurer pursuant to  
4 section 1760. Payment for examinations or professional services  
5 shall be the responsibility of the county or person requesting  
6 such services.

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

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

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