

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1185 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA AND SMITH, NOVEMBER 26, 2013

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 25, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class
3 and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the laws relating thereto," further providing for
5 requests for examinations and reports of coroners.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1235.1 of the act of July 28, 1953
9 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, added
10 December 17, 1990 (P.L.728, No.182), is amended to read:

11 Section 1235.1. Requests for Examinations and Reports.--(a)
12 Requests for examinations or other professional services by
13 other counties or persons may be complied with at the discretion
14 of the coroner pursuant to guidelines established by the county
15 commissioners.

16 (b) A set of fees and charges for such examinations or
17 professional services shall be established by the coroner,
18 subject to approval by the county commissioners, and shall be
19 accounted for and paid to the county treasurer pursuant to

1 section 1960. Payment for examinations or professional services  
2 shall be the responsibility of the county or person requesting  
3 such services.

4 (c) The coroner may charge and collect a fee of up to one  
5 hundred dollars (\$100) for each autopsy report, up to fifty  
6 dollars (\$50) for each toxicology report, up to fifty dollars  
7 (\$50) for each inquisition or coroner's report and such other  
8 fees as may be established from time to time for other reports  
9 and documents requested by nongovernmental agencies. The fees  
10 collected shall be accounted for and paid to the county  
11 treasurer pursuant to section 1960 and shall be used to defray  
12 the expenses ~~of staff, equipment and supplies related to~~ <--  
13 ~~determining cause and manner of death, and those expenses~~  
14 involved in the county complying with the provisions of the act  
15 of March 2, 1988 (P.L.108, No.22), referred to as the Coroners'  
16 Education Board Law. IN COUNTIES OF THE SECOND CLASS, THE <--  
17 COLLECTED FEES SHALL ALSO BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT ANY OTHER MONEYS  
18 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF STAFF, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES RELATED  
19 TO DETERMINING CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH.

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