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Legislative Update
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2018 VFDA Legislative Bill Tracking

HB379 Habeeb Chief Medical Examiner, Office of; collection of fees.
02/07/18 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (8-Y 0-N)

SB143 Spruill Mortuary science education; practical experience required.
02/05/18 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

SB959 McDougle Disposition of unclaimed dead body; final orders of transportation and disposition.
02/05/18 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

SB309 Cosgrove Electronic Death Registration System; implementation
Dropped the language regarding medical assistance.
Left in the clause that allows the next of kin to file a paper death certificate when no funeral home is involved. This bill was also reported from the Education and Health Committee unanimously and was placed on the Uncontested Calendar and passed off the floor and communicated to the House.
02/08/18 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

HB1158 Wilt Death certificates; medical certification; electronic filing; hospice.
Dropped the Medicaid requirement and kept the hospice language.

Delegate Tony Wilt amended this bill to be exactly as Senator Cosgrove's bill. Since Delegate Wilt's bill passed HWI Committee unanimously, it was on the Uncontested Calendar in the House and on February 7, 2018, it passed the house in a Block Vote (98-Y 0-N) and was communicated to the Senate on February 8 and referred to the Committee of Education and Health. We are hopeful that both bills will go to the Governor next week.

02/08/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Oppose: **SB881** Spruill Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers; membership.
02/01/18 Senate: Stricken at request of patron in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)

Support: **SB357** McClellan Death certificates; electronic filing required.
02/01/18 Senate: Continued to 2019 in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)



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Monitor: **SB831** Reeves Practice of funeral services; sale of certain items.
This bill will report off the floor by Tuesday (crossover) and be communicated to the House.

02/09/18 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (38-Y 0-N)

Monitor: **HB1172** Pillion Overdose death review teams.

02/09/18 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 1-N)

Monitor: **HB1071** Heretick Health regulatory boards; electronic notice of license renewal.

02/09/18 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions