

No. 2014-121

AN ACT

SB 1185

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

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

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

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

(b) A set of fees and charges for such examinations or professional services shall be established by the coroner, subject to approval by the county commissioners, and shall be accounted for and paid to the county treasurer pursuant to section 1960. Payment for examinations or professional services shall be the responsibility of the county or person requesting such services.

(c) The coroner may charge and collect a fee of up to one hundred dollars (\$100) for each autopsy report, up to fifty dollars (\$50) for each toxicology report, up to fifty dollars (\$50) for each inquisition or coroner's report and such other fees as may be established from time to time for other reports and documents requested by nongovernmental agencies. The fees collected shall be accounted for and paid to the county treasurer pursuant to section 1960 and shall be used to defray the expenses involved in the county complying with the provisions of the act of March 2, 1988 (P.L.108, No.22), referred to as the Coroners' Education Board Law. ***In counties of the second class, the collected fees shall also be used to supplement any other moneys to defray the expenses of staff, equipment and supplies related to determining cause and manner of death.***

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

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A.D. 2014

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