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Bill Number:	H.3325	Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author:	King	
Subject:	Death Certificates	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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Impact Date:	January 29, 2021	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will not have an expenditure impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) for removing certain exemptions for electronic certification of death certificates. Further, they do not anticipate the electronic filing requirements proposed in this bill will significantly reduce expenses due to the limited scope of the change.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill makes changes to the current exemptions for electronic certification of death certificates. Death certificates must be electronically filed with DHEC's Bureau of Vital Statistics. Physicians who certify fewer than twelve deaths per year and funeral homes that perform fewer than twelve funerals per year are currently exempt from the electronic filing requirements. This bill removes these exemptions and will require all physicians and funeral homes to file electronically. Only an individual who acts without compensation as a funeral director on behalf of a deceased family member or friend will remain exempt from the electronic filing requirement. DHEC indicates that while the physicians affected by this bill may require training to electronically submit death certificates, the training would be administered using existing staff and resources. Further, their system does not track whether certificates were filed electronically or by paper. However, they do not anticipate the electronic filing requirements proposed in this bill will significantly reduce expenses. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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