

Fiscal Analysis

IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF DEAD BODIES



Bill/Sponsor **SENATE BILL 508 Substitute (H-1)**, Sen. Alan Sanborn
SENATE BILL 511 Substitute (H-1), Sen. Judson Gilbert

House Committee Criminal Justice

Analysis **Summary**
House Bills 508 and 511 would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Michigan Penal Code, respectively, to establish criminal penalties for failure, after agreeing to provide the services of a funeral directory, to properly dispose of a dead human body within a requisite period of time. Depending on circumstances, the offense would be either a 90-day misdemeanor also punishable by a maximum fine of \$10,000, or a felony punishable by up to ten years in prison, a fine of up to \$50,000, or both.

Fiscal Impact
The bills would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the state and local units of government, depending on how they affected the numbers of misdemeanor and felony convictions obtained, sentences for those offenders, and collection of penal fines. Jail sentences and misdemeanor probation supervision are the responsibility of local units of government, while felony probation supervision and prison incarceration are costs borne by the state. Changes in penal fine collections would affect local libraries, which are the constitutionally-designated recipients of penal fine revenues.

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