

S 3168

Federal Death Care Inspection and Disclosure Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 15, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 5743	Identical bill	Nov 22, 2002: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Federal Death Care Inspection and Disclosure Act - Establishes within the Department of Health and Human Services the position of Coordinator of Funeral, Burial, and Disposition Services, to: (1) survey existing State laws pertaining to the death care industry; and (2) formulate standards specifying the elements of an effective system for registering, inspecting, and monitoring the handling and disposition of human remains by funeral homes and other death care providers.

Requires the Coordinator to: (1) award Federal assistance grants to State agencies that regulate death care providers; and (2) establish minimum standards and requirements governing State regulation of funeral homes and other death care providers.

Sets forth deceptive trade practices, including funeral provider practices that: (1) fail to make timely price disclosures regarding funeral goods and services; (2) fail to give an itemized written statement for retention to a purchaser of funeral goods or funeral services at the conclusion of the discussion related to such goods and services and prior to providing any services beyond taking possession of a deceased human body for authorized embalming; (3) make specified misrepresentations; (4) condition goods and services upon the purchase of other goods and services; and (5) provide embalming services without prior approval.

Prohibits unsolicited telephone offers or door-to-door direct offers to sell funeral goods, services, crematory services, interment rights, or other cemetery and memorialization goods and services.

Sets forth consumer protections with respect to certain cash advance prohibitions and requirements, and preneed and prepaid funeral service transactions.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 14, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11084-11085)
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.