



HOUSE BILL 451: Titus's Law.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *In every instance of unintended fetal death resulting from accidental injury, stillbirth, or miscarriage, House Bill 451 would require consent from the parents prior to the disposal of fetal remains and require fetal remains to be disposed of by burial, cremation, or incineration in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.*

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 451 would require in every instance of unintended fetal death resulting from accidental injury, stillbirth, or miscarriage:

- Consent from the mother before disposing of fetal remains;
- If the mother is unable to give consent, then consent from the father before disposing of fetal remains;
- If both parents are unable to give consent within 7 days, then the fetal remains are to be disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

House Bill 451 would direct disposal of fetal remains only by burial, cremation, or incineration in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Fetal remains developed beyond the second trimester of gestation shall only be disposed of by burial or cremation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective January 1, 2020 and apply to disposition of remains on or after that date.

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