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Timothy Carroll, House Clerk  
Office of the Clerk of the House  
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Dear Clerk Carroll,

Pursuant to Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) Administrative Bulletin #6, please be advised that the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) has moved to amend 505 CMR 4.03, Fee Assessed for Cremation or Burial at Sea Views. The purpose of the fee increase is to better support the comprehensive system of medicolegal investigative services delivered by the agency and in accordance with the agency's increased retained revenue budget. The estimated revenue raised will be increased to approximately \$8.6 million, which is based on the estimated 30,000+ cremation views performed by the OCME each year. The OCME will hold a public hearing on August 5, 2025, and expects the amended regulation to go into effect no sooner than sixty (60) days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 857-377-2245.

Sincerely,

*Eric Hogberg*

Eric B. Hogberg  
General Counsel