



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 139

Introduced by: **Senator Schoenfish**

1 **An Act to revise death reporting requirements.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 34-25-36 be AMENDED:**

4 **34-25-36.** A funeral director, embalmer, or other person who removes from the
 5 place of death or transports or finally disposes of a dead body or fetus must, in addition
 6 to filing any certificate or other form required by this chapter, ~~shall keep a record which~~
 7 ~~shall of the death, if it occurred outside of this state. The record must identify the body,~~
 8 ~~and shall on,~~

9 On or before the fifth day of each month ~~report, the record for the preceding month~~
 10 must be transmitted to the department ~~all human bodies handled during the preceding~~
 11 ~~month on a form provided for that purpose. If no death meeting the requirements of this~~
 12 section occurs ~~in any given during the preceding month which requires a funeral director~~
 13 ~~to keep a record pursuant to this section, the funeral director shall report, that fact must~~
 14 be reported to the department, on a form provided for that purpose.