

ACT 23

S.B. NO. 3131-80

A Bill for an Act Relating to Mortuaries and Funerals.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 441, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“Sec. 441- Mortuary authority; disclosure of price. (a) No funeral services and related commodities shall be furnished unless a mortuary authority provides to a prospective purchaser a written estimated price for the funeral services and related commodities which the prospective purchaser desires to purchase, and the purchaser approves of the funeral services and related commodities and the estimated price, and the prospective purchaser signs the estimate.

(b) No mortuary authority shall charge a price for funeral services and related commodities which is greater than the price on the estimate which the purchaser has signed, unless the purchaser requests an additional item and approves the higher price.

Sec. 441- Mortuary authority; price list to be furnished. (a) Each mortuary authority shall provide to every prospective purchaser a current price list, which shall contain separately stated prices for each type of service or item which is a part of the funeral services and related commodities which the mortuary authority offers.

Any mortuary authority may use the format for a price list as established by the rules adopted by the board.

(b) The price list specified in subsection (a) shall be provided to each prospective customer before that prospective customer approves the written estimated price, as required by section 441- .”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 17, 1980.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.