

The House Committee on Appropriations offers the following substitute to HB 508:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to death investigations and coroners, so as to increase the investigation fee for
3 coroners; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 death investigations and coroners, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section
9 45-16-27, relating to inquests and coroner's investigation fee, and inserting in its place a new
10 subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) On and after July 1, ~~1999~~ 2006, coroners shall be entitled to an investigation fee of
12 ~~\$125.00~~ \$250.00 where no jury is impaneled or a fee of \$250.00 where a jury is impaneled
13 and shall be paid upon receipt of a monthly statement to the county treasury. A deputy
14 coroner shall receive the same fee as the coroner for the performance of services in place
15 of the coroner and shall be paid upon receipt of a monthly statement to the county treasury.
16 Such fee shall be paid within ten days after receipt of the coroner's monthly statement by
17 the county where the investigation or inquest is held except in counties where the coroner
18 receives an annual salary, in which case no fee shall be imposed upon the county by such
19 salaried coroner or deputy coroner."

20 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall be come effective on July 1, 2006.

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.