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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/09/11

SPONSOR Wallace LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 211

SHORT TITLE Thanatopractice Board Sunset Date SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12	FY13		
\$120.7	\$120.00	\$128.6	Recurring	Thanatopractice Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 211 extends the Sunset Dates of the Thanatopractice Board from 2012 to 2018.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This board is self-sustaining. FY12 figures are estimated, based on an average of the revenue generated for the past three years

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The purpose of the Thanatopractice Board is to protect the public from the unprofessional, improper, incompetent and unlawful practice of the care and disposition of the dead human body. According to the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD), it is necessary to provide laws and regulations to govern the handling and care of the dead and the sensitivities of those who survive, whether they wish or do not wish rites or ceremonies

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

According to RLD, only individuals who meet and maintain minimum standards of competence and conduct may engage in the practice of these professions. In order to meet the goals of these Acts, RLD—Boards and Commissions has high performance standards for its employees, most notably including excellent customer service for licensees and members of the public.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Should the Thanatopractice Board not be continued, administrative duties for the maintenance of the board would cease.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The Thanatopractice Board would sunset July 1, 2011 and terminate June 30, 2012. Their oversight would either cease, or would need to be reassigned elsewhere.

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