

216-RICR-10-10-1.28 Cremation Certificates

A.

The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated in or removed from Rhode Island for the purpose of cremation without a cremation certificate having been obtained from the Office of State Medical Examiners in accordance with Part 60-10-1 of this Title, Medical Examiner System, and R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-3-18(e).

B.

A deceased person shall not be cremated within twenty-four (24) hours after death unless death resulted from a contagious or infectious disease.

C.

If the death occurred within Rhode Island, the dead body shall not be received or cremated by any corporation authorized to cremate a dead body until its officers have received the burial-transit permit required by law before burial and a cremation certificate from the medical examiner certifying that the medical examiner has made a personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death and is of the opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

D.

If the death occurred without Rhode Island, the reception and cremation of the body of the deceased person shall be governed by the receipt of the burial-transit permit or other appropriate certificate as the cremation certificate from the

Medical Examiner of the State of Rhode Island.

E.

The funeral director shall mail the cremation certificate to the State Registrar for filing.