

In support of HB 3127, as an individual who works in the funeral industry, I've had countless complaints from families when it comes to Doctors signing physical copies. It takes too much time to put it simply. Families need death certificates for a myriad of reasons, regarding social security claiming life insurance benefits, notifying government agencies and more. Families often are put in a time crunch when they cannot receive their death certificates in a timely manner.

Along with the strain on families it places strain on the environment. The process of having to sign a physical copy is, print the working copy of the death certificate, drive it to the hospital, wait for a phone call, but more often than not call them incessantly until the doctor makes the time to sign, drive back to the hospital, pick it up then take it to 'X' county records and have the death certificate get printed. That's a lot of paper, gas, and maintenance brought forth upon the funeral home. Whereas signing an electronic document would eliminate driving to and from the hospital multiple times and eliminate the document getting lost within the hospital. Sadly, it happens more often than you think.

Time in the medical industry is vastly important. Time is of the essence for patients, so why not the dead? Please respect the dead by allowing their loved ones to have some ease during these trying times. Just knowing that their time and efforts are just as valuable as those doctors who work with the living every day.