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Overview

Minnesota Statutes, section 149A.92, establishes minimum requirements for preparation and embalming rooms at funeral establishments, related to physical plant, equipment and supplies, access and privacy, sanitary conditions, waste disposal, and occupational safety. Current law requires that, by July 1, 2017, a funeral establishment with other establishment locations that uses a single preparation and embalming room for all establishment locations must have a prep and embalming room that meets minimum requirements at each establishment location. This bill eliminates the requirement to have a prep and embalming room that meets minimum requirements at each establishment location, and instead allows a funeral establishment with multiple establishment locations to use one or more centralized prep and embalming rooms for all locations. A location without a prep and embalming room may conduct viewings or services but cannot prepare or embalm a human body at that location.

Section

- 1 Establishment update.** Amends section 149A.92, subdivision 1. Requires a funeral establishment with other establishment locations that uses one or more preparation and embalming rooms for all establishment locations to comply with the minimum standards for preparation and embalming rooms. Allows a funeral establishment without an on-site preparation and embalming room to conduct viewings, visitations, services, and holding of human remains. Prohibits a funeral establishment without an on-site preparation and embalming room from preparing or embalming a human body on-site.