

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1797

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 578, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a funeral protest fee, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 578, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 578.504, to read as follows:

3 **578.504. 1. Any person or group of persons from outside the state of Missouri that**
4 **wishes to protest a funeral shall pay, prior to the protest, a fee of fifteen thousand dollars**
5 **to the local law enforcement agency in the area where the protest will be held to reimburse**
6 **that law enforcement agency for the costs to that agency of providing protection for the**
7 **person or group of persons that is protesting.**

8 **2. Violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor, unless committed by a person**
9 **who has previously pled guilty to or been found guilty of a violation of this section, in**
10 **which case the violation is a class D felony.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.