A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO INCREASE THE BASE CONTRACT RATE FOR TRANSPORTING BODIES FOR DEATH INVESTIGATIONS AND AUTOPSIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (the Department), the sum of two million nine hundred sixty thousand dollars ($2,960,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to increase the current base contract rate paid by the Department to transport bodies one way for death investigations or autopsies to one hundred seventy dollars ($170.00) for the first 40 miles and then one dollar ($1.00) per mile after the first 40 miles.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022, and applies to contracts entered into, renewed, or amended on or after that date.