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Senate File 277

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the disposal of dead bodies,
requiring reports to be made in certain
instances of death due to violence, negligence,
or other act or omission of a criminal nature,
to the county coroner and State Bureau of
Investigation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. It shall be the duty of any physician
2 and of any person in charge of any hospital, nursing home,
3 jail, or other institution, or of any person who shall
4 have first knowledge of the death of any person who shall
5 have died suddenly, accidentally, violently or as the
6 result of any suspicious circumstances or without medical
7 attendance up to a time thirty-six (36) hours prior to the
8 hour of death, or in any case of death due to what is
9 commonly known as an abortion, whether self-induced or
10 otherwise, to notify the county coroner immediately of the
11 death. It shall be unlawful for any funeral director,
12 embalmer or other person to remove any body from the place
13 where such death occurred or to prepare said body for
14 burial, cremation, or shipment, without first notifying

15 the county coroner and receiving his written permission
16 to remove the body. The county coroner upon receiving
17 any such information shall forthwith report the death,
18 probable cause of death, either by telegram or written
19 communication, to the State Bureau of Investigation,
20 on a form furnished by the County Board of Supervisors.

1 Sec. 2. All acts or parts of acts in conflict
2 herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they are
3 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this act.