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Senate File 427
By MERCER (By Request)

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter one hundred forty-two (142), Code 1950,
relating to the use of dead bodies for scientific purposes.

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

1 Section 1. That section one hundred forty-two point one
2 (142.1), Code 1950, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 comma following the words "within the state" in line 4 thereof,
4 the following: "or which is to be buried at public expense in
5 this state, except those buried under the provisions of chapter
6 two hundred forty-nine (249)".

1 Sec. 2. That section one hundred forty-two point one
2 (142.1), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking therefrom the
3 words "or friends" from line 15 of said section.

1 Sec. 3. That section one hundred forty-two point one
2 (142.1), Code 1950, is amended by inserting after the word
3 "bodies" at the end of line 15 of said section, the following:
4 "shall be first delivered to the medical college of the state
5 university until its need for the same has been met as deter-
6 mined by the state department of health, the balance of said
7 bodies", and further amended by inserting the word "other" after

8 the word "said" in line 16 of said section.

1 Sec. 4. Section one hundred forty-two point three (142.3),
2 Code 1950, is amended by striking the words "or friend" from
3 line 8 of said section and by adding at the end of said section
4 the following: "Complete jurisdiction over said bodies is
5 vested exclusively in the state department of health. No
6 autopsy or post mortem, except as is legally ordered by county
7 coroners, shall be performed on any of said bodies prior to
8 their delivery to the medical schools without the permission
9 of the department."

1 Sec. 5. Section one hundred forty-two point four (142.4),
2 Code 1950, is amended by striking the words "or friend" from
3 line 4 and from line 5 of said section, and by adding to said
4 section the following: "unless such person claiming the body
5 for burial pays the costs that have been incurred in the care
6 and transportation of the body and removes the body within
7 thirty days after claiming it, all rights thereto shall cease
8 and the body may then be used as if no claim had been made".

1 Sec. 6. Section one hundred forty-two point nine (142.9),
2 Code 1950, is amended by striking the words "fifty dollars" at
3 the end thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words
4 "five hundred dollars".

1 Sec. 7. Chapter one hundred forty-two (142), Code 1950,
2 is amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 "Disposition by will or written instrument. Every inhabitant
4 of this state of the age of twenty-one years or more and of

5 sound mind may, by his will or by a written instrument executed
6 in the same manner as a deed, arrange for or prescribe for the
7 disposition to be made, after death, of his body or any organ,
8 member or part thereof, provided the same is for the purpose of
9 scientific use as provided in this chapter, or for other advance-
10 ment of medical science, or for the replacement or rehabilitation
11 of diseased or worn out parts or organs of other humans. The
12 person or persons having the right to a body for burial may
13 likewise consent to such use of the body or parts thereof. Any
14 such disposition of his own body may be revoked by the testator
15 or grantor at any time prior to his death by the execution of a
16 written instrument in the same manner as the original grant.”