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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 466
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a signed receipt for removal of a dead body and
2 the personal effects of the deceased.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 144.49, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 144.49 ADDITIONAL RECORD BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

4 A funeral director or other person who removes from the
5 place of death or transports or finally disposes of a dead
6 body or fetus, in addition to filing any certificate or other
7 form required by this chapter, shall keep a record which shall
8 identify the body, list any personal effects, including
9 articles of clothing, which accompany the deceased, and give
10 information pertaining to the funeral director's or other
11 person's receipt, removal, and delivery of the body and the
12 personal effects of the deceased as prescribed by the
13 department in rules adopted in accordance with chapter 17A.
14 This record shall include the date and time and location from
15 which the body was removed and the date and time and location
16 to which the body was transported and shall be signed by a
17 funeral director or other person at the location from which
18 the body was removed and at the location to which the body was
19 transported. A copy of this record shall be provided to the
20 person in custody of the body when it is removed or
21 transported, the family of the deceased, and the person who
22 receives delivery of the body.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill amends Code section 144.49 by requiring a funeral
25 director or other person who removes or transports a dead body
26 or fetus, to make a record which identifies the body and lists
27 any personal effects, including articles of clothing, which
28 accompany the deceased and gives information pertaining to the
29 receipt, and date, time, and location of the removal, and
30 delivery of the body and the personal effects of the deceased,
31 and to provide copies of that record to the person in custody
32 of the body when it is removed, the family of the deceased,
33 and the person who receives delivery of the body.

34 The bill also requires the record to be signed by the
35 funeral director or other person at the location from which

1 the body was removed and at the location to which the body was
2 transported.

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