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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the determination of time of death and signing  
2 of the death certificate by an advanced registered nurse  
3 practitioner.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 142C.2, Code Supplement 2001, is  
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 0A. "Advanced registered nurse  
4 practitioner" means a registered nurse licensed pursuant to  
5 chapter 152 or licensed in another state and recognized for  
6 licensure in this state pursuant to the nurse licensure  
7 compact contained in chapter 152E, who has completed an  
8 advanced formal academic nursing education program in a  
9 specialty area approved by the board of nursing, and who meets  
10 additional qualification criteria as determined by the board  
11 of nursing by rule.

12 Sec. 2. Section 142C.6, subsection 2, Code 2001, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 2. If an anatomical gift is made to a designated donee,  
15 the document of gift, or a copy, may be delivered to the donee  
16 to expedite the appropriate procedures after the death of the  
17 donor. The document of gift, or a copy, may be deposited in  
18 any hospital, organ procurement organization, bank or storage  
19 organization, or registry office that accepts the document of  
20 gift for safekeeping or for the facilitation of procedures  
21 after the death of the donor. If a document is deposited by a  
22 donor in a hospital or bank or storage organization, the  
23 hospital or bank or storage organization may forward the  
24 document to an organ procurement organization which will  
25 retain the document for facilitating procedures following the  
26 death of the donor. Upon request of a hospital, physician, ~~or~~  
27 surgeon, or advanced registered nurse practitioner, upon or  
28 after the donor's death, the person in possession of the  
29 document of gift may allow the hospital, physician, ~~or~~  
30 surgeon, or advanced registered nurse practitioner, to examine  
31 or copy the document of gift.

32 Sec. 3. Section 142C.8, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2001,  
33 are amended to read as follows:

34 3. The time of death shall be determined by a physician or  
35 advanced registered nurse practitioner who attends the donor

1 at death, as defined in section 702.8, or, if no attending  
2 physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner is  
3 present, the physician or advanced registered nurse  
4 practitioner who certifies the death. The physician or  
5 advanced registered nurse practitioner who attends the donor  
6 at death and the physician or advanced registered nurse  
7 practitioner who certifies the time of death shall not  
8 participate in the procedures for removing or transplanting a  
9 part of the decedent. A medical examiner acting to determine  
10 the time of death or to certify the death, however, may remove  
11 a part if otherwise in accordance with this chapter.

12 4. If an anatomical gift is made, a physician or  
13 technician may remove any donated parts and an enucleator may  
14 remove any donated eyes or parts of eyes, after determination  
15 of death by a physician or advanced registered nurse  
16 practitioner.

17 Sec. 4. Section 144.26, subsection 1, Code 2001, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 1. A death certificate for each death which occurs in this  
20 state shall be filed as directed by the state registrar within  
21 three days after the death and prior to final disposition, and  
22 shall be registered by the county registrar if it has been  
23 completed and filed in accordance with this chapter. A death  
24 certificate shall include the social security number, if  
25 provided, of the deceased person. All information including  
26 the certifying physician's or advanced registered nurse  
27 practitioner's name shall be typewritten.

28 Sec. 5. Section 144.28, subsection 1, Code 2001, is  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 1. The medical certification shall be completed and signed  
31 within twenty-four hours after death by the physician or  
32 advanced registered nurse practitioner in charge of the  
33 patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in  
34 death except when inquiry is required by the county medical  
35 examiner. When inquiry is required by the county medical

1 examiner, the medical examiner shall investigate the cause of  
2 death and shall complete and sign the medical certification  
3 within twenty-four hours after taking charge of the case.

4 Sec. 6. Section 144.31, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2001,  
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 The medical certification shall be completed within twenty-  
7 four hours after delivery by the physician or advanced  
8 registered nurse practitioner in attendance at or after  
9 delivery except when inquiry is required by the county medical  
10 examiner.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill provides for authorization for the determination  
13 of time of death and signing of a death certificate by an  
14 advanced registered nurse practitioner. The bill defines an  
15 "advanced registered nurse practitioner" as a registered nurse  
16 licensed pursuant to Code chapter 152 or licensed in another  
17 state and recognized for licensure in this state pursuant to  
18 the nurse licensure compact contained in Code chapter 152E,  
19 who has completed an advanced formal academic nursing  
20 education program in a specialty area approved by the board of  
21 nursing, and who meets additional qualification criteria as  
22 determined by the board of nursing by rule. The bill provides  
23 for the addition of advanced registered nurse practitioners to  
24 current Code sections authorizing the determination of the  
25 time of death and signing of a death certificate by a  
26 physician. Specifically, the bill authorizes an advanced  
27 registered nurse practitioner to examine or copy a document of  
28 anatomical gift upon the death of an organ donor, and that in  
29 addition to a physician, the time of death may be determined  
30 by, and certificate of death signed by, an advanced registered  
31 nurse practitioner who attends the donor at death. The bill  
32 also provides for certification of a fetal death by an  
33 advanced registered nurse practitioner.

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