

CHAPTER 46**PROPERTY OF DECEASED INMATE OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION***S.F. 339*

AN ACT providing for delivering of deceased inmate's property to a designated person by the department of corrections.

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

Section 1. Section 246.508, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

Upon the death of an inmate, the superintendent of the institution shall immediately take possession of the decedent's property left at the institution and shall deliver the property to the duly appointed representative of the deceased person designated by the inmate to be contacted in case of an emergency. However, if administration is not granted within one year from the date of the death of the decedent and the value of the estate of decedent is so small as to make the granting of administration inadvisable, then delivery of the money and other the property left by the decedent cannot be delivered to the designated person, delivery may be made to the surviving spouse or an heir of the decedent. If administration is not granted within one year from the death of decedent the decedent's property cannot be delivered to the designated person and no surviving spouse or heir is known, the superintendent shall convert deliver the property into money to the treasurer of state for disposition as unclaimed property pursuant to chapter 556, after deducting expenses incurred in disposing of the decedent's body or property.

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CHAPTER 47**THEFT OF A VETERAN'S GRAVE MARKER***S.F. 360*

AN ACT prohibiting the theft of a veteran's grave marker, and providing a penalty.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 714.7A VETERANS' GRAVE MARKERS.

A person commits a simple misdemeanor when the person takes possession or control of a veteran's grave marker which was provided pursuant to section 250.16, with the intention to deprive the owner of the marker, regardless of the value of the marker. The person shall also be liable for restitution in an amount equal to three times the cost of the marker to be paid to the county commission of veteran affairs or other person who furnished the marker.

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