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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to define death of a human being.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section one hundred forty-four point one
2 (144.1), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following new
3 subsection:

4 NEW SUBSECTION. "Death" means the condition determined
5 by the following standard: A person will be considered dead
6 if in the announced opinion of a physician, based on ordinary
7 standards of medical practice, that person has experienced
8 an irreversible cessation of spontaneous respiratory and
9 circulatory functions. In the event that artificial means
10 of support preclude a determination that these functions have
11 ceased, a person will be considered dead if in the announced
12 opinion of a physician, based on ordinary standards of medical
13 practice, that person has experienced an irreversible cessation
14 of spontaneous brain functions. Death will have occurred
15 at the time when the relevant functions ceased.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides a standard for the determination of
18 death.

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