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April 5, 2012

The Honorable Matt Schultz  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2369, an Act relating to vital statistics, including the issuance of a burial transit permit and the transmission and recording of certain death certificates, and including effective date provisions.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



House File 2369

AN ACT

RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF A BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT AND THE TRANSMISSION AND RECORDING OF CERTAIN DEATH CERTIFICATES, AND INCLUDING EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 144.26, subsection 3, Code Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3. a. The county in which a dead body is found is the county of death. If death occurs in a moving conveyance, the county in which the dead body is first removed from the conveyance is the county of death.

b. If a decedent died outside of the county of the decedent's residence, the state registrar shall send a copy of the decedent's death certificate and any amendments to the county registrar of the county of the decedent's residence. The county registrar shall record a death certificate received pursuant to this paragraph in the same records in which the death certificate of a decedent who died within the county is recorded. The state registrar may provide the county registrars with electronic access to vital records in lieu of the requirements of this paragraph.

Sec. 2. Section 144.32, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

If a person other than a funeral director, medical examiner, or emergency medical service assumes custody of a dead body or fetus, the person shall secure a burial transit permit. To be valid, the burial transit permit must be issued by the county medical examiner, a funeral director, or the county state registrar ~~of the county where the certificate of death or fetal~~