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LT. GOVERNOR

April 21, 2017

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 232, an Act relating to pronouncements of death by registered nurses and physician assistants.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



House File 232

AN ACT

RELATING TO PRONOUNCEMENTS OF DEATH BY REGISTERED NURSES AND  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

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


Section 1. Section 152.1, subsection 7, paragraph e, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:


e. Make the pronouncement of death for a patient whose death is anticipated if the death occurs in a licensed hospital, a licensed health care facility, a correctional institution listed in section 904.102, a Medicare-certified home health agency, a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, an assisted living facility, or a residential care facility, with notice of the death to a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

Sec. 2. Section 148C.4, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

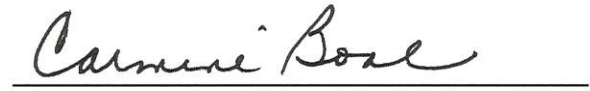
1. A physician assistant may perform medical services when the services are rendered under the supervision of a physician. A physician assistant student may perform medical services when the services are rendered within the scope of an approved program. For the purposes of this section, *“medical services when the services are rendered under the supervision of a physician”* includes making a pronouncement of death for a patient whose death is anticipated if the death occurs in a licensed hospital, a licensed health care facility, a correctional institution listed in section 904.102, a

Medicare-certified home health agency, or a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, with notice of the death to a physician and in accordance with the directions of a physician.


  
LINDA UPMEYER  
Speaker of the House

  
JACK WHITVER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 232, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.

  
CARMINE BOAL  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 21, 2017

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor