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March 8, 2021

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 239, an Act relating to proper parties in causes of actions following the death of persons entitled or liable to such causes of actions and including applicability provisions.

The above Senate File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



Senate File 239

AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPER PARTIES IN CAUSES OF ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF PERSONS ENTITLED OR LIABLE TO SUCH CAUSES OF ACTIONS AND INCLUDING APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 611.22, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**611.22 Actions by or against legal representatives — substitution.**

Any action contemplated in sections 611.20 and 611.21 may be brought, or the court, on motion, may allow the action to be continued, by or against the legal representatives or successors in interest of the deceased. Such action shall be deemed a continuing one, and to have accrued to such representative or successor at the time it would have accrued to the deceased if the deceased had survived. If such is continued against the legal representative or successor in interest of the defendant, a notice shall be served ~~on the legal representative~~ as in case of original notices. If such an action by the deceased is allowed to be continued, then the court shall appoint a personal representative for the deceased as defined in section 633.3 or shall allow a successor under section 633.356 to continue the action.

Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to actions that arise on or after July 1, 2021.

  
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JAKE CHAPMAN

President of the Senate

  
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PAT GRASSLEY

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 239, Eighty-ninth General Assembly.

  
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W. CHARLES SMITHSON

Secretary of the Senate

Approved March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

  
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KIM REYNOLDS

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