

House File 2349 - Enrolled

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS.

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

Section 1. Section 144C.8, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

**144C.8 Forfeiture of authority to control.**

A designee or person with the authority to control under this chapter shall forfeit all rights and authority under a declaration, or by operation of [section 144C.5](#), and all rights and authority under the declaration, or by operation of section 144C.5, shall vest in and devolve upon an alternate designee, or if there is none, vest in and devolve pursuant to section 144C.5, under ~~either~~ any of the following circumstances:

1. The designee or person with the authority to control under [this chapter](#) is charged with murder in the first or second degree or voluntary manslaughter in connection with the ~~declarant's~~ decedent's death and those charges are known to a third party.

2. The designee or person with the authority to control under [this chapter](#) does not exercise the designee's authority under the declaration or the person's authority under this chapter within twenty-four hours of receiving notification of the death of the ~~declarant~~ decedent or within forty hours of the ~~declarant's~~ decedent's death, whichever is earlier.

3. The designee or person with the authority to control

under this chapter does not claim the cremated remains of the decedent within thirty calendar days after receipt of a written notice from a third party.

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PAT GRASSLEY  
Speaker of the House

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AMY SINCLAIR  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2349, Ninety-first General Assembly.

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MEGHAN NELSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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KIM REYNOLDS  
Governor