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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the enucleating of eyes by funeral direc-
2 tors or embalmers.

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

4 Section 1. Section one hundred forty-two A point seven
5 (142A.7), subsection two (2), Code 1971, is amended by add-
6 ing the following new paragraph:

7 "A licensed funeral director or embalmer, as defined in
8 chapter one hundred fifty-six (156) of the Code, upon suc-
9 cessfully completing a course in eye enucleation and receiv-
10 ing a certificate of competence from the department of
11 ophthalmology, college of medicine, of the university of
12 Iowa, may enucleate the eyes of a donor."

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides that licensed funeral directors or em-
15 balmers may enucleate eyes under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
16 if they have completed a course in eye enucleation and been
17 certified as competent.

18 In the deeded eye program, it is essential that each donor's
19 eyes be enucleated with skill and sterile technique within four
20 hours after death.

21 In Iowa it has been demonstrated repeatedly that licensed and
22 certified funeral directors and embalmers, after special train-
23 ing at the university of Iowa, have within the critical time
24 period skillfully and successfully enucleated deeded eyes, por-
25 tions of which then have been transplanted by eye surgeons for

1 the purpose of preservation or restoration of sight in other
2 living humans.

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