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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to individuals who may witness a declaration  
2 under the life-sustaining procedures law or a document under  
3 the durable power of attorney for health care law.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 144A.3, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
2 1999, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered  
3 paragraph:

4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Notwithstanding any provision of  
5 this paragraph "a" to the contrary, a chaplain or other  
6 religious leader or a social worker licensed pursuant to  
7 chapter 154C, who is officially associated with or employed by  
8 a health care provider, may act as a witness for a  
9 declaration.

10 Sec. 2. Section 144B.3, subsection 2, Code 1999, is  
11 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

12 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Notwithstanding any provision of  
13 this subsection to the contrary, a chaplain or other religious  
14 leader or a social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 154C,  
15 who is officially associated with or employed by a health care  
16 provider, may act as a witness for a durable power of attorney  
17 for health care.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that a chaplain or other religious  
20 leader or a licensed social worker, who is officially  
21 associated with or employed by a health care provider, may act  
22 as a witness to a declaration executed under the life-  
23 sustaining procedures law or to a durable power of attorney  
24 for health care document.

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