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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2006)

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Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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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HF 2324

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 person engaged in the practice of social  
7 work as defined pursuant to section 154C.1, whether or not  
8 licensed to practice social work, who is officially associated  
9 with or employed by a health care provider, may act as a  
10 witness for a declaration.

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

13 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Notwithstanding any provision of  
14 this subsection to the contrary, a chaplain or other religious  
15 leader, or a person engaged in the practice of social work as  
16 defined pursuant to section 154C.1, whether or not licensed to  
17 practice social work, who is officially associated with or  
18 employed by a health care provider, may act as a witness for a  
19 durable power of attorney for health care.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill provides that a chaplain or other religious  
22 leader or a person engaged in the practice of social work,  
23 whether or not licensed to practice social work, who is  
24 officially associated with or employed by a health care  
25 provider, may act as a witness to a declaration executed under  
26 the life-sustaining procedures law or to a durable power of  
27 attorney for health care document.

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