

Senate File 97 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to information regarding deceased persons,
2 including notifying surviving family members about the death
3 of a family member and prohibiting the dissemination of the
4 name of a deceased person over a radio broadcasting system
5 under certain circumstances.

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

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80C.1 NOTIFICATION OF DEATH.

1 2 1. A peace officer as defined in section 801.4, a county
1 3 medical examiner, the state medical examiner, or any other
1 4 person who is responsible for notifying a deceased person's
1 5 surviving family members about the death, shall notify the
1 6 family members in person. If the deceased person's family
1 7 does not reside in the area, then the responsible person shall
1 8 make arrangements to have the family members notified in
1 9 person in the area where the family members reside.
1 10 Notification of the death shall be timely made as soon as the
1 11 deceased person is identified. If possible, a death
1 12 notification shall be made by two persons. The person shall
1 13 also inform the family members that the family members may
1 14 view the deceased person, and the person shall transport the
1 15 family members to view the deceased person if possible under
1 16 the circumstances.

1 17 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 80.9 or
1 18 chapter 693, or any other law to the contrary, the name of a
1 19 deceased person shall not be disseminated over a radio
1 20 broadcasting system or any other radio-based communications
1 21 system unless family members have been notified of the death.

1 22 EXPLANATION

1 23 This bill relates to information regarding deceased
1 24 persons, including notifying surviving family members about
1 25 the death of a family member and prohibiting the dissemination
1 26 of the name of a deceased person over a radio broadcasting
1 27 system.

1 28 The bill requires a peace officer, county medical examiner,
1 29 state medical examiner, or any other person responsible for
1 30 notifying a deceased person's family members about the death,
1 31 to notify the family members in person.

1 32 Under the bill, if the family members do not reside in the
1 33 area, the person responsible for notification shall make
1 34 arrangements to have the family members notified in person in
1 35 the area where the family members reside.

2 1 The bill also provides that the person responsible for
2 2 notifying the family members shall inform the family members
2 3 that the deceased person may be viewed, and if possible
2 4 provide transportation to view the deceased person.

2 5 The bill also prohibits the name of the deceased person
2 6 from being disseminated over a radio broadcasting system
2 7 unless family members have been notified of the death.

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