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BY LENSING

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transmission and recording of certain
2 death certificates.

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

1 Section 1. Section 144.26, subsection 3, Code Supplement
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. The county in which a dead body is found is the
4 county of death. If death occurs in a moving conveyance,
5 the county in which the dead body is first removed from the
6 conveyance is the county of death.

7 b. If a decedent died outside of the county of the
8 decedent's residence, the state registrar shall send a copy
9 of the decedent's death certificate and any amendments to the
10 county registrar of the county of the decedent's residence.
11 The county registrar shall record a death certificate received
12 pursuant to this paragraph in the same records in which the
13 death certificate of a decedent who died within the county
14 is recorded. The state registrar may provide the county
15 registrars with electronic access to vital records in lieu of
16 the requirements of this paragraph.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to the transmission and recording of
19 certain death certificates.

20 The bill requires that when a person dies outside of the
21 county of the person's residence the state registrar shall
22 send a copy of the person's death certificate to the county
23 registrar for the county of the person's residence. The bill
24 provides that, in lieu of this requirement, the state registrar
25 may provide county registrars with electronic access to vital
26 records. The bill also requires that a county registrar shall
27 record such a death certificate in the same records in which
28 deaths occurring in the county are recorded.