

**House Study Bill 633 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON WAGNER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the issuance of a burial transit permit.

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

1 Section 1. Section 144.32, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code  
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 If a person other than a funeral director, medical examiner,  
4 or emergency medical service assumes custody of a dead body  
5 or fetus, the person shall secure a burial transit permit.  
6 To be valid, the burial transit permit must be issued by the  
7 county medical examiner, or a funeral director, ~~or the county~~  
8 ~~registrar of the county where the certificate of death or fetal~~  
9 ~~death was filed.~~ The permit shall be obtained prior to the  
10 removal of the body or fetus from the place of death and the  
11 permit shall accompany the body or fetus to the place of final  
12 disposition.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill relates to the issuance of a burial transit  
15 permit. A burial transit permit is required when a person  
16 other than a funeral director, medical examiner, or emergency  
17 medical service assumes custody of a dead body or fetus. The  
18 bill removes the county registrar of the county where the  
19 certificate of death or fetal death was filed from the list of  
20 persons allowed to issue a burial transit permit.