

House File 232 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 19)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to pronouncements of death by registered nurses
2 and physician assistants.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 152.1, subsection 7, paragraph e, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. Make the pronouncement of death for a patient whose death
4 is anticipated if the death occurs in a licensed hospital,
5 a licensed health care facility, a correctional institution
6 listed in section 904.102, a Medicare-certified home health
7 agency, a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, an
8 assisted living facility, or a residential care facility, with
9 notice of the death to a physician, advanced registered nurse
10 practitioner, or physician assistant.

11 Sec. 2. Section 148C.4, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 1. A physician assistant may perform medical services
14 when the services are rendered under the supervision of a
15 physician. A physician assistant student may perform medical
16 services when the services are rendered within the scope of an
17 approved program. For the purposes of *this section*, "*medical*
18 *services when the services are rendered under the supervision*
19 *of a physician*" includes making a pronouncement of death for
20 a patient whose death is anticipated if the death occurs
21 in a licensed hospital, a licensed health care facility,
22 a correctional institution listed in section 904.102, a
23 Medicare-certified home health agency, or a Medicare-certified
24 hospice program or facility, with notice of the death to a
25 physician and in accordance with the directions of a physician.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill adds correctional institutions under the control
30 of the department of corrections, as enumerated in Code section
31 904.102, to the list of places where a nurse or a physician
32 assistant may make a pronouncement of death for a patient
33 whose death is anticipated. Currently, nurses and physician
34 assistants working in these institutions must request a doctor
35 to make pronouncements of death.