

**House File 594 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 233)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to limitations regarding the withdrawal of a  
2 life-sustaining procedure from a minor child.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 144F.1 Withdrawal of  
2 life-sustaining procedures from minor child — court  
3 intervention.

4 A court of law or equity shall not have the authority to  
5 require the withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures from a  
6 minor child over the objection of the minor child's parent or  
7 guardian, unless there is conclusive medical evidence that  
8 the minor child has died and any electronic brain, heart, or  
9 respiratory monitoring activity exhibited to the contrary  
10 is a false artifact. For the purposes of this section,  
11 "life-sustaining procedure" means the same as defined in section  
12 144A.2.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill provides that a court of law or equity shall not  
17 have the authority to require the withdrawal of life-sustaining  
18 procedures from a minor child over the objection of the minor  
19 child's parent or guardian, unless there is conclusive medical  
20 evidence that the minor child has died and any electronic  
21 brain, heart, or respiratory monitoring activity exhibited to  
22 the contrary is a false artifact. For the purposes of the  
23 bill, "life-sustaining procedure" means the same as under the  
24 life-sustaining procedures Act (Code chapter 144A).