

Senate Study Bill 1027 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON ZAUN)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the transportation of dead bodies.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 144.32, subsection 1, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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

12 b. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, fire fighter,
13 physician or osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to
14 chapter 148, nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 152 or 152E, or
15 emergency medical care provider as defined in section 147A.1,
16 acting under contract with and direction of a funeral director,
17 may, while off duty, transfer a dead body within this state
18 under the same circumstances as a funeral director so long
19 as such person uses a vehicle owned by and registered to a
20 funeral establishment. Such a person shall carry evidence of
21 an existing contract with a funeral director. The contracting
22 funeral director shall fulfill the requirements of section
23 144.27, subsection 1.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill allows a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer,
28 fire fighter, physician, nurse, or emergency medical care
29 provider to, while off duty, under contract with a funeral
30 director, and using a vehicle owned by and registered to
31 a funeral establishment, transfer a body under the same
32 circumstances as a funeral director.