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RATIONALE/BACKGROUND: This bill would allow Department of Corrections Nurses to declare the death of an offender, if the death was anticipated in a prison Hospice program. Currently, Department of Corrections Nurses must contact a Doctor to come into the prison and declare the death.

This Legislation puts Department of Corrections Nurses on the same playing field as Nurses working in a licensed hospital, a licensed health care facility, a Medicare-certified home health agency, a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, an assisted living facility, or a residential care facility.

This Legislation is supported by the Iowa Board of Nursing.

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