

## CHAPTER 99

## DEAD BODIES FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

H. F. 167

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred forty-two (142), Code 1954, relating to the use of dead bodies or portions thereof for scientific purposes.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred forty-two point one (142.1),  
2 Code 1954, is hereby amended by inserting after the comma (,) follow-  
3 ing the words "within the state" in line four (4) thereof, the follow-  
4 ing: "or which is to be buried at public expense in this state, except  
5 those buried under the provisions of chapter two hundred forty-nine  
6 (249), Code 1954."

1 SEC. 2. Section one hundred forty-two point one (142.1), Code  
2 1954, is further amended by striking the words "or friends" from line  
3 fifteen (15).

1 SEC. 3. Section one hundred forty-two point one (142.1), Code  
2 1954, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "schools" in line  
3 seventeen (17) the following: "according to their needs for teaching  
4 anatomy".

5 Further amend by inserting a period (.) after the word "health"  
6 in line nineteen (19) and by striking from lines nineteen (19), twenty  
7 (20) and twenty-one (21) the following: ", but the number so dis-  
8 tributed shall be in proportion to the number of students matriculated  
9 at each college or school."

1 SEC. 4. Section one hundred forty-two point three (142.3), Code  
2 1954, is amended by adding at the end of said section the following:  
3 "Complete jurisdiction over said bodies is vested exclusively in the  
4 state department of health. No autopsy or post mortem, except as are  
5 legally ordered by county coroners, shall be performed on any of said  
6 bodies prior to their delivery to the medical schools."

1 SEC. 5. Section one hundred forty-two point four (142.4), Code  
2 1954, is amended by striking the words "or friend" from line four (4)  
3 and from line five (5), and by striking the word "sixty" in line eight  
4 (8) and substituting in lieu thereof the word "thirty," and by adding  
5 to said section the following: "Unless such person claiming the body  
6 for burial pays the costs that have been incurred in the care and  
7 transportation of the body within thirty days after claiming it, all  
8 rights thereto shall cease and the body may then be used as if no  
9 claim had been made."

1 SEC. 6. Section one hundred forty-two point one (142.1), Code  
2 1954, is amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "In the event the deceased person has not expressed a desire during  
4 his last illness that his body should be buried or cremated and should  
5 have no relatives that request his body for burial or cremation, if a  
6 friend objects to the use of the deceased person's body for scientific  
7 purposes, said deceased person's body shall be forthwith delivered to  
8 such friend for burial or cremation at no expense to the state or  
9 county. Unless such friend provides for burial and burial expenses  
10 within five (5) days, the body shall be used for scientific purposes  
11 under this chapter."

1 SEC. 7. Section one hundred forty-two point nine (142.9), Code  
2 1954, is amended by striking the words "fifty dollars" in line nine (9)  
3 and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five hundred dollars".

1 SEC. 8. Chapter one hundred forty-two (142), Code 1954, is  
2 amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "Disposition by will or written instrument. Every inhabitant of  
4 this state of the age of twenty-one years or more and of sound mind  
5 may, by his will or by a written instrument executed in the same  
6 manner as a deed, arrange for or prescribe for the disposition to be  
7 made, after death, of his body or any organ, member or part thereof,  
8 provided the same is for the purpose of scientific use as provided in  
9 this chapter, or for other advancement of medical science, or for the  
10 replacement or rehabilitation of diseased or worn-out parts or organs  
11 of other humans. The person or persons having the right to a body  
12 for burial may likewise consent to such use of the body or parts there-  
13 of. Any such disposition of his own body may be revoked by the  
14 testator or grantor at any time prior to his death by the execution of  
15 a written instrument in the same manner as the original grant."

1 SEC. 9. In the event such deceased person, whose body has been  
2 used for scientific purposes as provided herein, shall own or have the  
3 right of burial in a private or family cemetery lot in the state of  
4 Iowa, that such deceased person's body shall be buried in such lot.

Approved March 24, 1955.

## CHAPTER 100

### DEATH CERTIFICATE COPY FILED

S. F. 182

AN ACT to provide that the state registrar of vital statistics shall furnish for a decedent dying in some county of the state of Iowa other than that of his residence a copy of the decedent's certificate of death and to provide for recordation and filing of such copy in the county of decedent's residence and amend various sections relating thereto.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred forty-four point eight (144.8),  
2 Code 1954, is amended by adding thereto following subsection seven  
3 (7) thereof as subsection eight (8) the following:

4 "Prepare and mail to the county registrar for the county of resi-  
5 dence of any decedent who dies in any county of this state other than  
6 that of his residence a photostatic or other copy of the certificate of  
7 death for such decedent immediately upon receipt of such certificate  
8 from the county registrar reporting the decedent's death which copy  
9 shall be clearly identified as having been provided by such state  
10 registrar."

1 SEC. 2. Section one hundred forty-four point ten (144.10), Code  
2 1954, is amended by inserting before line one (1) thereof the numeral  
3 "(1)" as a subsection designation and by adding thereto following  
4 line twelve (12) as subsection two (2) the following: