

2. The making of a declaration pursuant to section 144A.3 does not affect in any manner the sale, procurement, or issuance of any policy of life insurance, nor shall it be deemed to modify the terms of an existing policy of life insurance. No policy of life insurance is legally impaired or invalidated in any manner by the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures pursuant to this chapter, notwithstanding any term of the policy to the contrary.

3. A physician, health care provider, health care service plan, insurer issuing disability insurance, self-insured employee welfare benefit plan, or nonprofit hospital plan shall not require any person to execute a declaration as a condition for being insured for, or receiving, health care services.

4. This chapter creates no presumption concerning the intention of an individual who has not executed a declaration with respect to the use, withholding, or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures in the event of a terminal condition.

5. This chapter shall not be interpreted to increase or decrease the right of a patient to make decisions regarding use of life-sustaining procedures as long as the patient is able to do so, nor to impair or supersede any right or responsibility that any person has to effect the withholding or withdrawal of medical care in any lawful manner. In that respect, the provisions of this chapter are cumulative.

6. This chapter shall not be construed to condone, authorize or approve mercy killing or euthanasia, or to permit any affirmative or deliberate act or omission to end life other than to permit the natural process of dying.

Approved March 4, 1985

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**CHAPTER 4**  
DESIGNATION OF THE GRAND RIVER  
*S.F. 15*

**AN ACT** relating to the designation of the Grand river.

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

Section 1. The river arising in Adair county and flowing through the counties of Madison, Union, Ringgold, and Decatur county which flows out of this state at section 24, New Buda township, Decatur county is designated the Grand river and shall not be designated by any other name on maps published by the state of Iowa or road signs of the state or its political subdivisions.

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