

House Bill 44

In The House

January 6, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 14, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 44
2 INTRODUCED BY BRAND

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT FINAL
5 DISPOSITION OF A DECEASED PERSON UNTIL AUTHORITIES AT THE
6 PLACE OF DEATH OR OFFICIALS HAVING JURISDICTION HAVE MADE A
7 2-DAY ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE
8 PARTIES OF THE OCCURRENCE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Notification of death. Any hospital or
12 health care facility where a death occurs or any county
13 coroner or state medical examiner having possession of or
14 jurisdiction over a body shall make every attempt, within 2
15 days after the occurrence of death is known, to contact the
16 next of kin of the deceased or any other responsible party
17 to determine the preferred final disposition of the deceased
18 before releasing the remains to a person in charge of
19 interment. If the place of death or coroner having
20 jurisdiction does not have suitable facilities for storage
21 of the deceased pending notification of next of kin or other
22 responsible party, storage may be arranged at a convenient
23 interment facility. The local registrar may not issue a
24 permit for final disposition of the deceased until the
25 notification period has ended.

1 Section 2. Codification instruction. Section 1 is
2 intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 50,
3 chapter 15, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 15,
4 apply to section 1.

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