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PERMIT TO DISINTER DEAD

House Bill 5122

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5122 AS INTRODUCED 9-21-95

The Public Health Code currently requires a person, before exhuming a dead human body, to obtain a permit for disinterment and reinterment from the local health department in whose jurisdiction the body is interred. The bill would amend the code to specify that a person with "authority to make arrangements for a dead human body" under the act (which, it should be noted, is not defined) would also be authorized to request a permit for its disinterment notwithstanding the lack of consent of, or objection by, someone who possessed ownership rights over the place of repose (e.g., burial plot, crypt, and the like). The person with ownership rights, however, would not bear any costs associated with disinterment unless he or she initiated the disinterment or was otherwise legally obligated to pay for it. The bill further specifies it would not void or otherwise affect a gift made pursuant to the anatomical gift act.

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