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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

D.C. LAW 11-129

"Human Remains Decisions Amendment Act of 1996".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P.L. 93-198 "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 11-399 on first and second readings, February 6, 1996 and March 5, 1996 respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on March 15, 1996, pursuant to Section 404(e) of "the Act", and was assigned Act No. 11-236 and published in the March 29, 1996, edition of the D.C. Register (Vol. 43 page 1568) and transmitted to Congress on March 29, 1996 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 11-129, effective May 24, 1996.

DAVID A. CLARKE Chairman of the Council

<u>Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:</u>

March 29

April 15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,29,30

May 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23

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AN ACT D.C. ACT 11-236

Codification District of Columbia Code 1997 Supp.

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MARCH 15, 1996

To establish procedures for claiming human remains and for making human remains decisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Human Remains Decisions Amendment Act of 1996".

- Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Funeral Services Regulatory Act of 1984, approved May 22, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-84; D.C. Code § 2-2801 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:
- (a) Section 13 (D.C. Code § 2-2812) is amended by amending the first sentence to read as follows:

Section 2-2812

"The funeral services establishment retained by the person authorized pursuant to section 14 shall be entitled to take possession of human remains.".

(b) Section 14 (D.C. Code § 2-2813) is amended by designating the existing text as subsection (a) and by adding new subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

Section 2-2813

- "(b)(1) Any competent adult may decide the disposition of the individual's remains after death and without the pre-death or post-death consent of any other person by executing a document, in accordance with this section, which expresses the individual's wishes regarding the disposition of his or her body.
- "(2)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any competent adult may designate an individual who shall be empowered to make decisions concerning the disposition of the human remains of the individual by executing a document in accordance with this section.
- "(B) The document shall include language that clearly communicates the individual's intent to have the person so designated make decisions regarding the disposition of the individual's human remains upon death. The document shall become effective upon the death of the individual choosing the representative.
- "(c) A document executed under subsection (b)(1) and (2) of this section shall be dated and signed by the individual delineating the disposition of his or her remains upon death under

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subsection (b)(1) of this section or designating a representative under subsection (b)(2) of this section.

- "(d) A person may revoke the document executed under this section in writing, at any time.
- "(e) A document executed under this section may be included as part of a document executed in accordance with the District of Columbia Anatomical Gift Act, approved May 26, 1970 (84 Stat. 266; D.C. Code § 2-1501 *et seq.*).".

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(c)), and a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Representation Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor

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APPROVED: March 15, 1996



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