

HCS HB 618 -- DISPOSITION OF A DEAD HUMAN BODY

SPONSOR: Fraker

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 8 to 2.

This bill specifies that if a funeral director has knowledge that there is more than one person in a class who is equal in priority and who does not agree on the disposition of a dead human body, the decision of the majority of the members of that class must control the disposition. Proxy voting is permitted for conducting a majority vote.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this solves a problem which occurs between disagreeing family members and keeps it out of the courts.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fraker and Donald Otto, Missouri Funeral Directors Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.