

HB 2522 -- DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS

SPONSOR: Fraker

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill permits the next-of-kin to delegate the control of the final disposition of the remains of any dead human being to an agent through either a specific or general grant of power in accordance with Section 404.710, RSMo, if, at the time of delegation, the next-of-kin was 18 years of age or older and mentally competent and the principal or agent is taking financial responsibility for the disposition.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill clarifies current law by allowing a decedent's next-of-kin to delegate his or her authority to an agent if the next-of-kin is unavailable or otherwise unable to assist with funeral arrangements.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fraker and the Missouri Funeral Directors & Embalmers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.