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HOUSE BILL NO. 466

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HUMAN REMAINS: Provides for requirements relative to the disposal of human remains

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 8:655(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to the disposal of  
3 human remains; to establish the right to control interment through a United States  
4 Department of Defense Form 93; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 8:655(A)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted  
7 to read as follows:

8 §655. Right of disposing of remains

9 A. The right to control interment, as defined in R.S. 8:1(26), of the remains  
10 of a deceased person, unless other specific directions have been given by the  
11 decedent in the form of a written and notarized declaration or properly executed  
12 United States Department of Defense Form 93, or DD Form 93, vests in and  
13 devolves upon the following in the order named:

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows a properly executed DD Form 93 to provide the right to control interment of human remains.

Present law provides that the right to control interment of a deceased person's remains is established either by specific directions given in the decedent's written and notarized declaration or devolves to the following, in ranked order:

- (1) The surviving spouse, if not divorced.
- (2) A majority of the surviving adult children of the decedent.
- (3) The surviving parents of the decedent.
- (4) A majority of the surviving adult brothers and sisters of the decedent.
- (5) A majority of the adult persons respectively in the next degrees of kindred as established by present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a properly executed U.S. Department of Defense Form 93 (DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data) is an acceptable means to determine the right to control interment of a deceased person's remains.

(Amends R.S. 8:655(A)(intro. para.))