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Henry Burns HB No. 466

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

<u>Present law</u> 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 <u>present law.</u>

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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.))