

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 539

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAZEL

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 9:1551(F), relative to the training of dogs; to authorize the donation of tissue
3 and biological samples for training a dog to search for human remains; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:1551(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1551. Disposition of remains

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9 F.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the coroner
10 may donate tissue or biological samples to an individual who is affiliated with an
11 established search and rescue dog organization for the purpose of training a dog to
12 search for human remains. Any request for biological sample donation shall be made
13 to the coroner on the letterhead of the requesting organization and signed by the
14 director, manager, or individual overseeing the rescue dog training program.
15 Donations of tissue or biological samples shall not be more than twenty-eight grams
16 per tissue type.

17 (2) For purposes of this Subsection, a person shall be deemed affiliated with
18 an established search and rescue dog organization if he presents to the coroner a
19 signed letter from his director, manager, or other supervisor authorizing the request
20 for biological samples.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____