

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 102

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HUMAN REMAINS: Provides relative to the disposition of the remains of a homicide victim

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 8:655(A)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 8:655(F) and
3 R.S. 37:876(H), relative to the disposition of human remains; to provide for the
4 disposition of the remains of a homicide victim; to prohibit a person responsible for
5 the death of the victim from controlling the disposition of the victim's remains; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §655. Right of disposing of remains; military personnel; limitation of liability

11 A. ~~Unless~~ Except as provided in Subsection F of this Section, unless other
12 specific directions have been given or the designation of a specific person to control
13 disposition has been made by the decedent in the form of a notarial testament or a
14 written and notarized declaration, the following persons, in the priority listed, have
15 the right to control and authorize the interment of a deceased person, as defined in
16 R.S. 8:1:

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18 F. No person shall have any right to control the disposition of the remains
19 of a decedent when a warrant or a judicial determination of probable cause for a

2. Remove the provision that would prohibit a person from controlling the disposition of remains if he committed another crime that caused the decedent's death.
3. Provide that no person shall have the right to cremate a decedent when a warrant or judicial determination of probable cause for first degree murder, second degree murder, or manslaughter has been issued for his arrest for the death of the decedent.