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## **2009 SENATE BILL 515**

February 3, 2010 – Introduced by Senators Lehman, Miller, Taylor, Kreitlow and Lassa, cosponsored by Representatives Hilgenberg, Turner, Garthwaite, Roys, A. Williams, Steinbrink, Townsend, Young, Shilling and Knodl. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions.

- 1  $ext{AN ACT } \textit{to amend } 154.30 \ (1) \ (a) \ \text{and } 154.30 \ (8) \ (d) \ (intro.); \ \text{and } \textit{to create } 154.30$
- 2 (8) (dm) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorization for final disposition of a decedent's remains.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may execute an authorization for final disposition that designates another to control the final disposition of the person's remains. An authorization for final disposition must be witnessed by two witnesses or signed before a notary public. This bill provides that a member of the U.S. armed forces may execute a valid authorization for final disposition in the manner and on a form provided by the federal Department of Defense.

## The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 154.30 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 154.30 (1) (a) "Authorization for final disposition" means a written, signed document that is acknowledged before a notary public or is witnessed satisfies the conditions under sub. (8) (d) or (dm), and that is voluntarily executed by a declarant under sub. (8), but is not limited in form or substance to that provided in sub. (8).

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<b>SECTION 2.</b> 154.30 (8) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
154.30 (8) (d) (intro.) An Except as provided in par. (dm), an authorization for
final disposition shall meet all of the following requirements:
<b>Section 3.</b> 154.30 (8) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:
154.30 (8) (dm) A document executed by a member of the U.S. armed forces in
the manner and on a form provided by the federal department of defense that
designates a person to direct the disposition of the member's remains is a valid
authorization for final disposition under this section.
(END)