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H.B. No. 3015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to next of kin for purposes of making funeral arrangements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 711.002(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Unless a decedent has left directions in writing for the disposition of the decedent's remains as provided in Subsection (g), the following persons, in the priority listed, have the right to control the disposition, including cremation, of the decedent's remains, shall inter the remains, and are liable for the reasonable cost of interment:

(1) the person designated in a written instrument signed by the decedent;

(2) the decedent's surviving spouse;

(3) any one of the decedent's surviving adult children;

(4) ~~[either one of]~~ the decedent's surviving mother and father, other than a person whose parental rights have been terminated ~~[parents]~~;

(5) any one of the decedent's surviving adult siblings; or

(6) any adult person in the next degree of kinship in the order named by law to inherit the estate of the decedent.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.