OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 7272

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF A DECEDEDENT'S BODY.

SUMMARY

By law, a person can authorize an agent (e.g., family members or conservators) to execute a written document (advanced directive), before the person’s death, directing (1) the disposition of the person’s body upon death or (2) someone to have custody and control of the body upon death. The document may also designate an alternate agent to perform these functions.

The bill specifies that disposition of a deceased person’s body generally does not include retrieval of his or her eggs or sperm, respectively. But it permits such retrieval if it is provided for in the advanced directive, a living will, or a document executed by the deceased person pursuant to any other applicable state law. Under the bill, the probate court in the district of the deceased person’s domicile or residence has jurisdiction to hear and decide any dispute arising regarding this issue.

As under existing law, an agent cannot act contrary to an advanced directive unless authorized by the court.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 35  Nay 0  (04/12/2019)