Bill No.: HB-7272  
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF A DECEDEDENT'S BODY.  
Vote Date: 4/12/2019  
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute  
PH Date: 3/18/2019  
File No.:  

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SPONSORS OF BILL:  
Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:  
To clarify the legal disposition of a person’s body after death. Without prior arrangement or contractual agreement, there is ambiguity regarding the authority to posthumously collect eggs or sperm.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE: Deposition of a person’s body upon the death of such person shall not include the retrieval of a deceased person’s sperm or eggs, except in the case of a written agreement between parties.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY: NONE

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:  
Pullman & Comley, Kelly F. O'Donnell: Supports the bill. Her law firm has had occasion to see grieving families seek to be appointed to have custody & control of a person’s remains believing the term “cryogenic preservation” includes the ability to retrieve & preserve reproductive tissue. She supports the addition of subsection (b) to §45a-318 that clarifies that “custody and control” of a person’s remains does not include the ability to retrieve sperm or eggs from the person’s body post-mortem.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION: NONE

Reported by: rJo Winch  
Date: 4/29/2019