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Overview

This act permits hospital records to be preserved as electronic image and other electronic preservation technology. Also, this act modifies the provisions related to transportation of a dead human body.

Section

- 1 **Superintendent of hospitals to transfer records.** Amends § 145.30. Modifies the provision that requires hospitals to preserve certain records by adding that these records may be preserved on electronic image or other electronic preservation technology.
- 2 **Copies to be used as evidence.** Amends § 145.31. Modifies the provision that relates to offering recorded hospital records as evidence by stating that records stored as electronic image or other electronic preservation technology have the same force and effect as the original record. Makes technical changes.

Provides an immediate effective date for this section.
- 3 **Hospital records.** Amends § 145.32, subd. 1. Modifies the provision that permits a hospital to destroy certain records by removing the limitation that the records be dated more than three years old. Makes a technical change.

Provides an immediate effective date for this section.
- 4 **Advance directives and will of decedent.** Amends § 149A.80, subd. 1. Modifies the advance directive and will provision to include that a person may direct the type of conveyance in which the body will be transported to its final disposition.
- 5 **Conveyances permitted for transportation.** Amends § 149A.93, subd.6. Modifies the

requirements for the types of conveyances that may transport a dead human body by removing the requirement that the driver and the body be in the same cab. Permits a vehicle that is a dignified conveyance and is specified for use by the family to be used to transport the body.