

**Subject** Holding a decedent awaiting natural organic reduction

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## Overview

Under current law a funeral establishment or natural organic reduction facility cannot keep a body in refrigeration for longer than six calendar days from the time of death or release of the body from the coroner or medical examiner, and a natural organic reduction facility must begin natural reduction within 24 hours after accepting custody of the body. This bill allows a natural organic reduction facility to hold a body in refrigeration for up to 30 days and requires a natural organic reduction facility to have a body embalmed if the natural reduction process is not initiated within 30 days after accepting custody of the body.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Embalming or refrigeration required.</b><br>Amends § 149A.91, subd. 3. Amends a requirement that a body cannot be kept in refrigeration for longer than six calendar days, to allow a body to be kept in refrigeration for a longer period as provided in section 149A.955, subd. 14 (section 3 of this bill).  |
| 2 | <b>Generally.</b><br>Amends § 149A.94, subd. 1. Amends a requirement that a body cannot be kept in refrigeration for longer than six calendar days, to allow a body to be kept in refrigeration for a longer period as provided in section 149A.955, subd. 14 (section 3 of this bill).  |
| 3 | <b>Bodies awaiting natural organic reduction.</b><br>Amends § 149A.955, subd. 14. Extends the time period a natural organic reduction facility may hold a dead human body before beginning the natural reduction process, from 24 hours to 30 days. Requires a natural organic reduction facility to keep a body awaiting natural organic reduction in refrigeration if the facility holds the body for longer than four days. Requires a natural organic reduction facility to have a body embalmed if natural reduction is not begun within 30 days after accepting the body |

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	but specifies the facility is not required to have a body embalmed if natural reduction is initiated within 30 days after the facility accepts custody of the body.
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