

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB420**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 08, 2013  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** McGill  
**One Liner:** Provide authorization for disposition of human remains based on military documents

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Watermeier  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Amanda McGill  
Roger Lempke  
Scott Ehler  
Joyce George Peck  
Martin Dempsey  
Paul Cohen

**Representing:**  
District #26  
Self  
National Guard Association  
Gold Star Parents  
Department of Defense  
Military Officers Association of America, Heartland of America Chapter

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-1425 lists the order in which the right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person vests. LB 420 adds the right should first vest in the more recent of: any person authorized to direct the disposition of the decedent's body under the U.S. Department of Defense Record of Emergency Data if the deceased died while in military service, or as guided in a notarized affidavit authorizing the disposition and signed and sworn by the decedent.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendment provides for priority over the disposition of the remains of a deceased person under Neb. Rev. Stat 38-1425. The Amendment gives priority, if the decedent dies during active military service, to the person authorized by the decedent to direct disposition under the U.S. Department of Defense record of emergency data form.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson