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A Bill

SENATE BILL 185

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5 By: Senator Beebe
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 20-17-702 TO
10 PROVIDE FOR THE FINDING OF THE SPOUSE, PARENTS, AND
11 SIBLINGS OF UNCLAIMED DECEASED HUMAN BODIES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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15 "TO PROVIDE FOR THE FINDING OF THE
16 SPOUSE, PARENTS, AND SIBLINGS OF
17 UNCLAIMED DECEASED HUMAN BODIES"
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 20-17-702 is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "20-17-702. Search for next of kin.

24 (a) The person who assumes original and lawful possession, charge, or
25 control of any body as described in this subchapter shall conduct a diligent
26 search for relatives or next of kin of the deceased, or that person shall
27 request the county sheriff or such other person as may be required by law to
28 conduct the search. The person conducting the search shall make every effort
29 to find the spouse, if any, of the deceased; however, if the person conducting
30 the search is not satisfied that the putative spouse is, in fact, a legal
31 spouse, or it is determined that no spouse exists, then, in that event, every
32 effort shall be made to find the parents and siblings, if any, of the
33 deceased.

34 (b) If the identity of the deceased is not known, the investigation
35 shall include, but not be limited to, the taking of fingerprints and sending
36 the fingerprint records to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington,

1 D.C., for identification and filing."

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3 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
4 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
5 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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7 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
8 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
9 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
10 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
11 act are declared to be severable.

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13 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
14 hereby repealed.

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