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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; prohibiting the sale of human remains for commercial

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purposes; establishing a felony offense; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

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Statutes, chapter 609.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **[609.84] SALE OF HUMAN REMAINS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.**

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Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have

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the meanings given.

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(b) "Human remains" means the calcified portion of a dead human body, not including

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isolated teeth; the cremated remains of a dead human body deposited in a container or

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discrete feature; or the hydrolyzed remains of a dead human body deposited in a container

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or discrete feature.

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(c) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1,

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paragraph (f).

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(d) "Local organization for emergency management" has the meaning given in section

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12.03, subdivision 6.

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(e) "Search and rescue unit" means an organization, team, or individual authorized by

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the state or federal government, a Tribal government, or by a county, city, town, or a

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metropolitan airports commission organized and existing under sections 473.601 to 473.679

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whose mission is to locate lost, missing, or trapped persons, victims of natural or other

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disasters, and human bodies.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Sale of human remains for commercial purposes prohibited; exceptions.** (a)

2.2 Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person is prohibited from selling human remains or  
2.3 offering human remains for sale for commercial purposes.

2.4 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a sale or offer for sale of human remains:

2.5 (1) to a licensed health care provider, an individual employed by or under contract with  
2.6 a licensed health care provider, a public or private postsecondary educational institution,  
2.7 or an individual employed by or under contract with a public or private postsecondary  
2.8 educational institution, for legitimate medical or scientific purposes or for educational  
2.9 purposes;

2.10 (2) to a law enforcement agency, search and rescue unit, or local organization for  
2.11 emergency management to conduct search and rescue training or to train dogs to locate  
2.12 dead human bodies; or

2.13 (3) that is incidental to the sale of real property, including undisturbed burial plots,  
2.14 cemeteries, crypts, or other burial features.

2.15 Subd. 3. **Penalty.** A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
2.17 applies to crimes committed on or after that date.