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Subject Prohibiting the sale of calcified human remains

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Summary

Section Description

1 Sale of calcified human remains.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the term "human remains" to include the calcified portion of a dead human body, not including isolated teeth; the cremated remains of a dead human body deposited in a container; or the hydrolyzed remains of a dead human body deposited in a container. Also defines "law enforcement agency," "local organization for emergency management," and "search and rescue unit."

Subd. 2. Sale of calcified human remains; donation and reimbursement.

Provides that the sale of calcified human remains, or offering to sell calcified human remains, is prohibited. Establishes exceptions including donation to a licensed health care provider or postsecondary educational institution for legitimate medical, scientific, or educational purposes; donation to law enforcement agencies, search and rescue units, and local organizations for emergency management to conduct search and rescue training or to train search and rescue dogs; and sale that is incidental to the sale of real property. Provides that nothing in the section prohibits a person from recovering reasonable expenses for the processing, preservation, quality control, storage, transportation, or final disposition of human remains for the legitimate purposes as described in the section.

Subd. 3. Penalty. Establishes that violation of this section is a felony.