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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of health to post information on the department's web site about individuals in the state who die and who cannot be identified, in hopes of identifying them and notifying their relatives.

### Section

- 1 **Identification of deceased individuals.** Adds subd. 4 to § 144.05. When the commissioner of health receives notice of the death of an individual who cannot be identified, requires the commissioner to post information on the individual on the department's web site. Requires the information to remain on the web site until the individual is identified.
- 2 **Death record.** Amends § 149A.90, subd. 1. Requires a person in charge of disposition of the body of an unidentified individual to notify the commissioner of health of the individual, so the commissioner may post information about the individual on the department's web site as required in section 1.