## Sponsor Statement An Act Relating to the Disposition of Human Remains

Alaska does not presently have adequate statutory authority with respect to who may control the disposition of a decedent's remains. This has resulted in arguments and disputes among relatives and friends. Businesses involved in this area need protection concerning who is the person entitled to give them directions. This new act resolves the present uncertainty of the law. It provides authority for a person to provide directions and a form for a disposition document. If a person has not provided directions, then a priority list is provided of the persons who may control the disposition of the decedent's remains. Businesses who follow these directions or priority list are protected from liability.