
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1691

State of Washington **62nd Legislature** **2011 Regular Session**

By House Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kirby, Anderson, Springer, Eddy, Ryu, Morris, and Stanford)

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1 AN ACT Relating to embalmers; and amending RCW 68.50.070.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.50.070 and 1959 c 23 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Any ((sheriff, coroner, keeper or superintendent of a county
6 poorhouse, public hospital, county jail, or state institution shall))
7 public agency required to provide for the disposition of human remains
8 in any legal manner at public expense must surrender the ((dead bodies
9 of persons required to be buried at the public expense,)) human remains
10 to:

11 (a) Any physician or surgeon, to be ((by him)) used for the
12 advancement of anatomical science, preference being given to medical
13 schools in this state, for their use in the instruction of medical
14 students; or

15 (b) An accredited educational institution offering funeral services
16 and embalming programs for use in training embalming students under the
17 supervision of an embalmer licensed under chapter 18.39 RCW.

18 (2) If the deceased person ((during his last sickness)) requested
19 to be buried, or if ((within thirty days after his death)) some person

1 claiming to be a relative or a responsible officer of a ((church))
2 religious organization with which the deceased at the time of ((his))
3 death was affiliated requires the ((body)) remains to be buried, ((his
4 ~~body shall~~)) the remains must be buried, subject to the requirements of
5 RCW 68.50.110 and 68.50.230.

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