
HOUSE BILL 1691

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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 surrender the dead bodies of persons required to be buried at the
8 public expense, to:

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

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

16 (2) If the deceased person during his last sickness requested to be
17 buried, or if within thirty days after his death some person claiming
18 to be a relative or a responsible officer of a church organization with

1 which the deceased at the time of his death was affiliated requires the
2 body to be buried, his body shall be buried.

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