

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. 0243

ENROLLED ACT NO. 64, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to human remains; providing for use of human remains by persons certified to train search and rescue animals; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 6-4-502(b)(iii), 35-4-601, 35-4-603, 35-4-605, 35-4-607 and 35-5-211(a) by creating a new paragraph (iv) are amended to read:

**6-4-502. Mutilation of dead human bodies; penalties; exceptions.**

(b) This section does not apply to:

(iii) Unclaimed dead human bodies delivered by state or county authorities to regularly chartered institutions for scientific research or persons certified by a state or local law enforcement agency to train search and rescue animals;

**35-4-601. Delivery of unclaimed bodies for anatomical study.**

Any member of the following boards or officers to-wit: The board of health of any city, town or county in the state; the mayor or common council of any city, and the officers or board having direction or control of any almshouse, prison hospital, house of correction or jail, in the state, shall, when so requested, surrender the dead bodies of such persons as may be required to be buried at the public expense, to any regularly licensed physician or dentist or medical college in the state or to a person certified by a state or local law enforcement agency to train search and rescue animals, in accordance with such rules as may be

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prescribed by the state department of health; such bodies to be used by said physician, dentist, ~~or~~ medical college or person, for the advancement of anatomical science or the training of search and rescue animals; preference being given to the faculty of any legally organized state medical college or school of anatomy, for their use in the instruction of medical students; provided that in no case shall the faculties or other officers of such medical college or school of anatomy require or receive from any medical student or students, for such body so furnished therein, any sum of money in excess of the actual cost of procuring the same.

**35-4-603. Restriction upon use of bodies; bond required of applicant; prohibited acts.**

It shall not be lawful for any person so receiving dead bodies to use the same, except for the prosecution of anatomical science or the training of search and rescue animals, or elsewhere than in this state; and the state department of health in its rules and regulations in regard to the distribution of the same, may require each applicant to furnish a good and sufficient bond that the provisions of this act will be observed. Whosoever shall use said body for any other purpose, or shall remove the same beyond the limits of the state, or whosoever shall traffic, trade or deal with said bodies for a commercial purpose shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined, on conviction, not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not less than thirty (30) days or more than one (1) year; the fine accruing from said conviction to be paid to the school fund of the county, wherein such offense was committed.

**35-4-605. Burial or cremation after use.**

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It shall be the duty of all parties, who may secure dead bodies under provisions of this act, to bury the same decently in some public cemetery within a reasonable time after dissection or use, or cremate the same or make such other disposition as may be prescribed by the state department of health. For any violation of this provision, the party or parties so neglecting shall on conviction, forfeit or pay a penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or be imprisoned in the county jail not less than six (6) months nor more than twelve (12) months or both, at the discretion of the court; such penalties to be sued for by the school officers or anyone interested therein, for the benefit of the school fund of the county in which the offense shall have been committed.

**35-4-607. Who may have bodies in possession.**

Any regularly licensed physician or dentist of the state, any medical student who is a regular matriculate of a recognized medical college, under authority of such physician, any person certified by a state or local law enforcement agency to train search and rescue animals or any person authorized by the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act may have in his possession human dead bodies, or parts thereof, lawfully obtained, for the purpose of anatomical inquiry or dissection or for training of search and rescue animals.

**35-5-211. Persons that may receive anatomical gift; purpose of anatomical gift.**

(a) An anatomical gift may be made to the following persons named in the document of gift:

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(iv) A person certified by a state or local law enforcement agency to train search and rescue animals.

**Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk