

Original sponsor: Bowman and Hartig

Offered: 3/4/74  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 574

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the handling of bodies."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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\* Section 1. AS 12.65 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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Sec. 12.65.095. REMOVAL OF BODIES PROHIBITED. (a) No body,

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in coroners' cases, may be moved to a mortuary without the express

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consent of the next of kin or of the deceased person before the person's

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death, unless the coroner expressly authorizes removal of the body.

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(b) A person, hospital, nursing home, or other institution which

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violates (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon con-

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viction is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or by imprisonment

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for a period not to exceed one year.

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Sec. 12.65.105. TEMPORARY HOLDING OF BODIES. When refrigerated

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facilities are reasonably available, a body shall be held in refrigerated

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storage rather than embalmed pending instructions from next of kin or

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relative on method of disposition of the body; however, if no instruc-

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tions on disposition are received within 72 hours after death, the body

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may be embalmed.

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