

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)

Act 368 of 1978

333.2850 Interment or other disposition of dead body or fetus; duty of individual in charge of premises; record of final disposition.

Sec. 2850.

An individual in charge of premises in which interments or other disposition of dead bodies is made shall not inter or allow interment or other disposition of a dead body or fetus unless it is accompanied by an authorization for final disposition. An individual in charge of a place for final disposition shall keep a record of a final disposition made in the premises under his or her charge. The record shall state the name of the deceased, date and place of death, date of final disposition, and the name and address of the funeral director or person acting as a funeral director.

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333.2848 Authorization for final disposition of dead body or fetus; time; form; retention of permit; cremation; moving body; permit issued by other state.

Sec. 2848.

(1) Except as provided in sections 2844 and 2845, a funeral director or person acting as a funeral director, who first assumes custody of a dead body, not later than 72 hours after death or the finding of a dead body and before final disposition of the body, shall obtain authorization for the final disposition. The authorization for final disposition of a dead body shall be issued on a form prescribed by the state registrar and signed by the local registrar or the state registrar.

(2) Before final disposition of a dead fetus, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, the funeral director or person assuming responsibility for the final disposition of the fetus shall obtain from the parents, or parent in case of an unmarried mother, an authorization for final disposition on a form prescribed and furnished or approved by the state registrar. The authorization may allow final disposition to be by a funeral director, the individual in charge of the institution where the fetus was delivered, or an institution or agency authorized to accept donated bodies or fetuses under this code. After final disposition, the funeral director, the individual in charge of the institution, or other person making the final disposition shall retain the permit for not less than 7 years.

(3) If final disposition is by cremation, the medical examiner of the county in which death occurred shall sign the authorization for final disposition.

(4) A body may be moved from the place of death to be prepared for final disposition with the consent of the physician or county medical examiner who certifies the cause of death.

(5) A permit for disposition issued under the law of another state that accompanies a dead body or dead fetus brought into this state is authorization for final disposition of the dead body or dead fetus in this state.

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