

SENATE FILE NO. SF0133

Postmortem despoiling penalties.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hastert, Driskill, Von Flatern and
Wasserburger and Representative(s) Barlow,
Blackburn, Blake, Freeman, Pelkey and
Pownall

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending crimes of
2 mutilation of a dead human body; amending exceptions; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-4-502(a), (b)(ii) and by creating a
8 new subsection (c) is amended to read:

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10 **6-4-502. Mutilation of dead human bodies; penalties;**
11 **exceptions.**

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13 (a) Except as provided in this section, a person who
14 dissects or mutilates a dead human body or otherwise treats

1 human remains in a way that would outrage contemporary
2 community standards is guilty of a felony punishable by
3 imprisonment for not less than two (2) nor more than ~~three~~
4 ~~(3) five (5)~~ years, a fine of not more than ~~five thousand~~
5 ~~dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or
6 both.

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8 (b) This section does not apply to:

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10 (ii) Dissection to determine the cause of death
11 when authorized by the nearest living kin of deceased, a
12 court of competent jurisdiction or other qualified officer;
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14 (c) A person who mutilates a dead human body to
15 conceal a felony offense under title 6, chapter 2, articles
16 1, 2, 3 or 7 of the Wyoming statutes is guilty of a felony
17 punishable by imprisonment for not less than seven (7) nor
18 more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten
19 thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.
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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.
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23 (END)