



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 565

LCO No. 4608

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRACKING PROCEDURE FOR THE
REMAINS OF DECEASED PERSONS UNTIL INTERMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) The body of each person who dies in this state shall be buried,
4 removed or cremated within a reasonable time after death. The person
5 to whom the custody and control of the remains of any deceased
6 person are granted by law shall see that the certificate of death
7 required by law has been completed and filed in accordance with
8 section 7-62b prior to final disposition of the body. An authorization
9 for final disposition issued under the law of another state which
10 accompanies a dead body or fetus brought into this state shall be
11 authority for final disposition of the body or fetus in this state. The
12 provisions of this section shall not in any way impair the authority of
13 directors of health in cases of death resulting from communicable
14 diseases, nor conflict with any statutes regulating the delivery of
15 bodies to any medical school, nor prevent the placing of any body
16 temporarily in the receiving vault of any cemetery. The placing of any

17 body in a family vault or tomb within any cemetery shall be deemed a
18 burial under the provisions of this section.

19 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
20 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for the purpose of
21 establishing a procedure for following the transfer and movement of
22 the body of each person who dies in this state from the time of death
23 until such time as the body is buried, removed or cremated.

24 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section or
25 regulation adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be
26 fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than
27 five years.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

PH *Joint Favorable*