

CHAPTER 11

ANATOMY LAW

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CHAPTER 11

A Law to regulate Schools of Anatomy.

[27th August 1991]

1.This Law may be cited as the Anatomy Law.

Short title.

2. (1) it shall be lawful for the Commissioner responsible for health matters to grant a licence to practise anatomy, to the superintendent of any school of anatomy.

Commissioner
may grant
licences to
practise anatomy.

(2) Such licence granted as aforesaid shall be deemed to authorize the practice of anatomy in such school by any teacher, or medical practitioner employed therein and by any student attending a course of studies at such school when working under the supervision of such superintendent, teacher, or medical practitioner.

3. It shall be lawful for any executor or other person having lawful possession of the body of any deceased person, and not being an undertaker or oilier person entrusted with the body for the purpose only of interment. to permit the body of such deceased person to undergo anatomical examination, unless to the knowledge of such executor or other person, such deceased person shall have expressed his desire, either in writing at any time during his life or verbally in the presence of two or more witnesses during the illness whereof he died, that his body after death might not undergo such examination, or unless the surviving husband or wife, or any known relative of the deceased person shall require the body to be interred without such examination.

Executors other persons having lawful custody of bodies may permit them to undergo anatomical examination

4.If any person either in writing at any time during his life, or verbally in the presence of two or more witnesses during the illness whereof he died, shall direct that his body after death be examined anatomically, or shall nominate the superintendent of any school of anatomy, who is licensed under the provisions of this Law to examine bodies anatomically, to make such examination, and if, before the burial of the body of such person, such direction or nomination shall be made known to the person having lawful possession of the dead body, then such last mentioned person shall direct such examination to be made, and in case of any such nomination as aforesaid, shall request and permit any person so authorized and nominated as aforesaid to make such examination Unless the surviving husband or wife or any known relative of the deceased person shall require the body to be interred without such examination.

Provision in case of person directing anatomical after the death

The body not to be removed without a certificate

5.(1) The body of a person shall not be moved for anatomical examination from any place where such person may have died unless—

- (a) twenty-four hours have elapsed from the time of such person's decease: and
- (b) certificate slating in what manner such person came by his death shall have been signed by die medical practitioner who attended such person during die illness whereof he died; or
- (c) if such person was not so attended, by a medical practitioner who shall be called in after the death of such person to view his body, but who shall not be concerned in examining the body

after removal

(2) In the case of the removal of a body for anatomical examination, any such certificate given under the provision of subsection (1) shall be delivered, together with the body, to the person receiving the same for anatomical examination.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the preservation of a body for anatomical examination at any time after death by injection or otherwise by the superintendent of a school of anatomy who is licensed under this Law or by some person authorized by such superintendent

6. It shall be lawful for any superintendent of a school of anatomy who has been licensed under this Law as aforesaid or any teacher, or medical practitioner employed in or any student attending a course of studies at such school, the superintendent of which has been so licensed, to receive or possess for anatomical examination in such school, or to examine anatomically at such school, the body of any person deceased, if permitted or directed so to do by a person who had at the time of giving such permission or direction lawful possession of the body and who had power, in pursuance of the provisions of this Law to permit or cause the body to be so examined, and provided such certificate as aforesaid is delivered by such person together with the body.

Superintendent of school of anatomy may receive bodies for anatomical examination

7.(1) Every superintendent of a school of anatomy so receiving a body for anatomical examination shall demand and receive, together with the body, a certificate as aforesaid and shall within twenty-four hours enter or cause to be entered in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, together with a copy of the certificate, the following particulars-

Superintendent of school of anatomy to receive with body a certificate as aforesaid keep record of particulars of deceased

(a) at what hour and day the body was received,

(b) the name and address of the person from whom the body was received;

(c) the date and place of death;

(d) the sex and as far as is known at the time the Christian name and surname, age and last place of abode of the deceased,

(2) Such book shall be produced by the superintendent of a school of anatomy whenever required so to do by the Chief Medical Officer.

8. The removal of a body for anatomical examination as aforesaid shall be subject to the following conditions—

How bodies are to be removed for examination

(a) such body shall, before such removal, be placed in a decent coffin or shell and be removed therein,

12. The Commissioner may make regulations for regulating the issue of and prescribing the form of licences and certificates issued under the provisions of this Law

Power to
make
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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

ANATOMY REGULATION

(made under section 12)

1. These regulations may be cited as the Anatomy Regulations.
2. A licence to practise anatomy shall be in accordance with Form A in the Schedule
3. A certificate for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (I) of section 5, of the Anatomy Law, shall be in accordance with Form B in the Schedule or as near thereto as circumstances permit.
4. A certificate for the purposes of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 5 of the Anatomy Law shall be in accordance with Form C in the Schedule or as near thereto as circumstances permit.
5. A certificate for the purposes of paragraph (c) of section 8 of the Anatomy Law shall be in accordance with form D in the Schedule or as near thereto as circumstances permit.

Short title

Form A

Form B

Form C

Form D

SCHEDULE

FORM A

Reg 2

The Anatomy Regulations

LICENCE TO PRACTISE ANATOMY

Licence is hereby granted to *(name, designation and address of Superintendent, School of Anatomy)* to practise anatomy in the School of Anatomy at *(address of School of Anatomy)* subject to the provisions of the Anatomy Law

Dated at ----- this ----- day of ----- 20 -----

Commissioner

FORM B

The Anatomy Regulations

Reg 3

CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH

I hereby certify that I have medically attended {name OF deceased) of (address of deceased) who was apparently(or stated to be) ----- years of age, that I last saw ----- on the ----- day of -----, 20 ----- that ----- was then suffering from -----, that ----- died as I am aware (or informed) on the ----- day of ----- 20 -----, at (time); and that cause of death was to the best of my knowledge and belief as herein stated-

Secondary cause:

and that the disease had continued(duration to be stated if possible)

Witness my hand this ----- day of ----- 20 -----

----- (Signature)

----- (Medical qualifications)

----- (Address)

FORM C

The Anatomy Regulations

I hereby certify that I (Place where body was viewed) the body of (name of deceased) (time the body was viewed) on the ----- day of ----- 20 ----- . The deceased was about ----- years of age and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the cause of death was a follows-

Primary cause:

Secondary cause:

and that the disease had continued(duration to be stated if possible)

Witness my hand this ----- day of ----- 20 -----

----- (Signature)

----- (Medical qualifications)

----- (Address)

FORM D

The Anatomy Regulations

CERTIFICATE OF INTERMENT

I hereby certify that the body of (name of deceased) was received for anatomical

examination on (date the body was received) and that the body of the said deceased was removed,
after anatomical examination in a decent coffin/shell and decently interred on the (date of
interment) in (place of interment)

Dated at ----- this ----- day of ----- 20 -----

Superintendent

School of Anatomy at
