

# [ Act No. 1677, August 06, 1907 ]

## **AN ACT TO PROVIDE ANATOMICAL MATERIAL FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.**

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:*

SECTION 1. The body of any deceased person which is to be buried at public expense and which is unclaimed by relatives or friends public for period of forty-eight hours after death shall be subject to the disposition of the Bureau of Health, and, by order of the Director of Health, may be devoted to the purposes of medical science and to the advancement and promotion of medical knowledge and information, subject to such regulations as said Director of Health, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, may prescribe.

The regulation of the Director of Health shall provide for the decent burial of the remains and for defraying the necessary expenses incident thereto.

SEC. 2. The making use of the body of any deceased person for scientific investigations, except for the purposes of an autopsy, or as in this Act provided, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred pesos, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, August 6, 1907.



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