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CHAPTER 45

DEAD BODIES AND GRAVES

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§ 1251. Unlawful use or abandonment of dead bodies; exceptions

Whoever, without permission of the clerk of a town, therein willfully digs up or removes any human body or its remains from its place of burial, or aids in so doing; or knowingly receives, conceals or disposes of the same; or whoever mutilates, conceals or unlawfully disposes of any human body or its remains, or unnecessarily and indecently exposes, throws away or abandons the same in any public place, river, stream or elsewhere, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$3,000, or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 10 years; but any physician, surgeon or medical student may have in his possession or use human bodies or parts thereof lawfully obtained, for anatomical or physiological investigation and instruction.

R.S.1954, c. 134, § 30.

§ 1252. Injury to monuments or places of burial

Whoever willfully destroys or injures any tomb, gravestone, monument or other object placed or designed as a memorial of the dead, or any fence, railing or other thing placed about or enclosing a burial place; or willfully injures, removes or destroys any tree, shrub or plant within such enclosure shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for less than one year.

R.S.1954, c. 134, § 31.

§ 1253. Arrest of dead body forbidden

If an officer takes the body of a deceased person by writ or execution, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 and by imprisonment for not more than 6 months.

R.S.1954, c. 134, § 32.