

HOUSE BILL NO. 645

INTRODUCED BY FABREGA

IN THE HOUSE

February 8, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
February 19, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 20, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 21, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 22, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Safety.
March 13, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 14, 1979	Motion pass consideration.
March 15, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 17, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

March 19, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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 10 investigation. (1) A dead body in the custody of a county
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 12 consultation with appropriate law enforcement officials and
 13 the county attorney, establishes that it is not necessary to
 14 hold the body to determine the reasonable and true cause of
 15 death or that the body is no longer necessary to assist any
 16 local investigations.

17 (2) A dead body may not be held longer than 12 hours
 18 from the time the county coroner is notified of the death.

19 Section 2. Removal of a dead body. (1) If a county
 20 does not provide a morgue or morgue facilities for the use
 21 of the county coroner, the coroner may use existing hospital
 22 facilities for such purposes.

23 (2) When a post-mortem examination is completed at the
 24 county morgue facility or hospital facility used for that
 25 purpose, the county coroner shall order the remains

1 released, upon request of the person lawfully entitled to
 2 custody of the deceased person's remains, to a funeral home.
 3 (3) A post-mortem examination may be conducted at a
 4 funeral home when so ordered by the county coroner.

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Approved by Comm.
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