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TRANSPORTATION OF THE DEAD

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H 18.01 Burial-transit permit. (1) A burial-transit permit issued by any local registrar shall be required for each dead body transported by common carrier. Said burial-transit permit shall be in the form prescribed by the state board of health and shall agree, in the main, with the burial-transit permit form recommended by the state and provincial health officers and the association of state registration executives.

(2) A burial-transit permit shall be attached in a strong envelope to the shipping case when a body is to be transported by common carrier.

H 18.02 Embalming. Any body to be shipped by common carrier shall be embalmed if its condition permits. If embalming is not possible, or if the body is in a state of decomposition, it shall be shipped only after enclosure in a strong, tightly sealed outer case.

H 18.03 Delayed burial. A body temporarily held by law enforcement officials or a licensed funeral director or embalmer pending burial or final disposition shall not be interred, deposited in a vault or tomb, cremated, or otherwise disposed of, until a burial-transit permit has been issued. Such permit shall constitute authority for transportation and final disposition of the body.

H 18.04 Bodies sent to medical colleges. Bodies dead of any disease may be transported to a medical college when accompanied by a burial-transit permit and a copy of the death certificate, provided all such bodies have been prepared for transportation by washing with disinfecting fluid, closing of all orifices and wrapping in a sheet soaked in bichloride of mercury 1:500. Bodies thus prepared must be enclosed in a sound coffin or casket enclosed in a strong outside wooden box with handles. All such bodies must reach their destination within sixty hours after death. As soon as received at the medical college, the body must be carefully embalmed by the injection of a preserving and disinfecting fluid into the blood vessels.

H 18.05 Disinterment. No human remains now interred or resting in a permanent vault or tomb shall be disinterred, transported and reinterred unless a disinterment permit is first obtained from the health authority having jurisdiction at the place of disinterment. The disinterment permit shall constitute authority to transport and reinter the disinterred remains. No death certificate shall be required to obtain a disinterment permit.

H 18.06 Definition of embalming. The term "embalming" as used in these rules shall require the injection arterially in addition to cavity injection of a disinfecting fluid in sufficient quantities, strength and distribution to thoroughly preserve the body before shipment is made.

H 18.07 Cremation. Cremation of a dead human body shall be considered as a final disposal of that body. No additional permit covering transportation, interment, or other disposal of the ashes of a cremated body is required.