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CHAPTER 627.

AN ACT to amend 155.02 (2) and (3) and 155.03 (2) of the statutes, relating to corpses.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 155.02 (2) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:
155.02 (2) * * * If * * * a relative or friend fails to arrange for taking charge of the corpse within * * * a reasonable time after death, the superintendent or other officer may proceed as provided in this section, but relatives or friends may * * * claim the corpse at any time before * * * it has been delivered pursuant to subsection (3).

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(3) Notice to university or school. If the corpse is in the Mendota state hospital district, the university of Wisconsin * * * shall be notified that it may have the corpse. If the corpse is in the Winnebago state hospital district, Marquette university or any accredited school of mortuary science at Milwaukee * * * shall be notified that it may have the corpse. The university or * * * school so notified shall immediately inform the superintendent or public officer whether it desires to have the corpse. If it does, the corpse shall be delivered accordingly, properly encased, to the most available facility for transportation to the consignee, the consignee to pay the cost of transportation.

Section 2. 155.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
155.03 (2) Upon receipt of the corpse by a university or * * * school pursuant to section 155.02 (3) it shall be properly embalmed and retained for * * * 3 months before being used or dismembered and shall be delivered to any relative claiming it upon * * * satisfactory proof of relationship.

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