

CHAPTER CXXIII.

[H. B. No. 301.]

IN RELATION TO DISSECTION OF DEAD BODIES.

AN ACT for the dissection of dead bodies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Any physician or surgeon of this state, or any medical student under the authority of any such physician or surgeon, may obtain, as hereinafter provided, and have in his possession human dead bodies, or the parts thereof, for the purposes of anatomical inquiry or instruction.

SEC. 2. Any sheriff, coroner, keeper of a county poor-house, public hospital, county jail or state prison, must surrender the dead bodies of such persons as are required to be buried at the public expense to any physician or surgeon, to be by him used for the advancement of anatomical science, preference being always given to medical schools by law established in this state, for their use in the instruction of medical students. But if such deceased person during his last sickness requested to be buried, or if within forty-eight hours after his death some person claiming to be of kindred or a friend of the deceased requires the body to be buried, or if such deceased person was a stranger or traveler who suddenly died before making himself known, such dead body must be buried without dissection. Subjects.

SEC. 3. Every physician or surgeon before receiving the dead body must give to the board or officer surrendering the same to him a certificate from the medical society of the county in which he resides, or if there is none, from the board of supervisors of the same, that he is a fit person to receive such dead body. He must also give a bond with two sureties, that each body so by him received will be used only for the promotion of anatomical science, and that it will be used for such purpose in this state only, and so as in no event to outrage the public feeling. Certificate necessary.

SEC. 4. Any person violating any provision of this act Bond.

Penalty. shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Approved March 7, 1891.

CHAPTER CXXIV.

[H. B. No. 57.]

IN RELATION TO MALICIOUS TRESPASS.

AN ACT to amend section 842 of the Code of Washington, relating to malicious trespass.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 842 of the code of Washington be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Every person who shall wilfully and maliciously cut, break, injure or destroy any bridge, mill dam, canal, flume, aqueduct, reservoir, or other structure erected to create hydraulic power, or to conduct water for mining or agricultural purposes, or to conduct water for the purpose of floating or carrying therein logs, timber, earth or sand, or any embankment necessary to the same, or either of them, or shall wilfully or maliciously make or cause to be made any aperture in such dam, canal, flume, aqueduct, reservoir, embankment or structure, with intent to injure or destroy the same, shall on conviction thereof be fined in any sum not more than one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned in the penitentiary at hard labor not more than two years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Offense defined.

Penalty.

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