

state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 47

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2078]

CREMATION AND CREMATED

REMAINS—DEFINITIONS—POSSESSORY RIGHTS

AN ACT Relating to cremation; amending section 2, chapter 247, Laws of 1943 and RCW 68.04.020; amending section 3, chapter 247, Laws of 1943 and RCW 68.04.030; amending section 11, chapter 247, Laws of 1943 and RCW 68.04.110; and adding a new section to chapter 68.08 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 247, Laws of 1943 and RCW 68.04.020 are each amended to read as follows:

"Human remains" or "remains" means the body of a deceased person, and includes the body in any stage of decomposition (~~(and)~~) except cremated remains.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 247, Laws of 1943 and RCW 68.04.030 are each amended to read as follows:

"Cremated remains" means (~~(human remains)~~) a human body after cremation in a crematory.

Sec. 3. Section 11, chapter 247, Laws of 1943 and RCW 68.04.110 are each amended to read as follows:

"Cremation" means the reduction of the body of a deceased person to cremated remains in a crematory in such a manner that the largest dimension of any remaining particle does not exceed five millimeters: PROVIDED, That if a person entitled to possession of such remains under the provisions of section 4 of this 1977 amendatory act is going to place the cremated remains in a cemetery, mausoleum, columbarium, or building devoted exclusively to religious purposes, the five millimeter dimension requirement shall not apply.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 68.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The person or persons determined under RCW 68.08.160 as having authority to order cremation shall be entitled to possession of the cremated remains without further intervention by the state or its political subdivisions.

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