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# *The Anatomy Act*

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Chapter 136 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1920*  
(assented to November 10, 1920).

FOR HISTORICAL REFERENCE ONLY

## **NOTE:**

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## CHAPTER 136

### An Act respecting Anatomy

#### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Anatomy Act*.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107, s.1; R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.1.

#### Subjects for anatomy

2 The body of a person found dead, publicly exposed or who immediately before death had been supported in and by any public hospital receiving pecuniary aid from the Government of this province may, unless such person has before death otherwise directed, be delivered by the persons in charge of such public hospital or the coroner acting in the premises to persons qualified as hereinafter mentioned for the purpose of dissection; but if such body be claimed within the usual period of interment by *bona fide* friends or relatives of the deceased the body shall be delivered to them or if the person otherwise directed as aforesaid before death the body shall be decently interred.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107 s.2; R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.2.

#### Qualified recipients

3 The persons qualified to receive such unclaimed bodies shall be such medical practitioners as are duly qualified to practise and are actually practising under the provisions of *The Medical Professional Act* who may require such bodies for dissection either for their own improvement or the instruction of any student or students under them or the teachers of surgery and anatomy in any public or private school, college, society or faculty of medicine or surgery that may hereafter be established in Saskatchewan.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107, s.3; R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.3.

#### Record of subjects to registrar

4 The person in charge of any public hospital or the coroner respectively shall, within one week from the time of giving up any body as provided by section 2, forward to the Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan particulars of the name, age, sex, birthplace, if it can be ascertained, and date of death of the person whose unclaimed body has been by him so given up.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107, s.4 (redrawn); R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.4.

**Record of subjects by registrar**

**5** It shall be the duty of the said registrar to enter in a book to be kept for that purpose by him the name and residence of all medical practitioners qualified to receive and desirous of receiving bodies for dissection and to enter from the returns forwarded to him by the person or persons in charge of the public hospitals or of the coroners in a register to be kept for that purpose the name, age, sex, birthplace (if it can be ascertained) and date of death of all persons mentioned in such returns with the name and place of residence of the practitioner to whom the body was delivered as aforesaid.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107, s.5; R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.5.

**Records open for inspection**

**6** Such returns, book and register shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection of any person who may desire to inspect the same on payment of a fee of fifty cents.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107, s.6; R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.6.

**Distribution of subjects**

**7** The person or persons in charge of the public hospitals as aforesaid or the coroner shall make an impartial distribution of the bodies in rotation according to the actual wants of the claimants.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107, s.7; R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.7.

**Receipt**

**8** On delivery of such unclaimed body as aforesaid the person or persons in charge of the hospital or the coroner, as the case may be, shall take from the medical practitioner receiving the body a receipt (form A); and such practitioner shall pay the sum of five dollars to the person from whom he receives the body and take a receipt therefor (form B); and such sum shall in every case be forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer to be applied towards the support and maintenance of the public hospitals in Saskatchewan.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107, s.8; R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.8.

**Security for burial**

**9** Every medical practitioner wishing to avail himself of the benefits of sections 2 to 8 shall appear before a justice of the peace and give security himself in the sum of one hundred dollars and two sureties in the sum of fifty dollars each for the decent interment of the bodies after they have served the purposes authorised by this Act.

R.S.S. 1909, c.107, s.10; R.S.S. 1920, c.136, s.9.

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## SCHEDULE

## FORM A

(Section 8)

Received from \_\_\_\_\_ Coroner,  
(or persons, etc.) the body of *(here give particulars of the age, sex, birthplace and date of death of deceased)* for the purpose of dissection and anatomical instruction.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_.

Witness:

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## FORM B

(Section 8)

Received from *(medical practitioner's name)* the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the body of *(here give particulars of the name, age, sex, birthplace and date of death of the deceased)* and I hereby certify that the said body has not been claimed by *bona fide* friends or relatives of the said deceased.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_.

Witness:

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