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**Representatives Deeter, Manning**

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To amend section 2927.01 of the Revised Code to  
enact Amanda Dean's Law to increase the  
penalties for abuse of a corpse.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2927.01 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 2927.01.** (A) No person, except as authorized by law,  
shall treat a human corpse in a way that the person knows would  
outrage reasonable family sensibilities.

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(B) No person, except as authorized by law, shall treat a  
human corpse in a way that would outrage reasonable community  
sensibilities.

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~~(C)~~ (C) (1) Whoever violates division (A) of this section  
is guilty of abuse of a corpse, a misdemeanor of the second-  
degree felony of the fifth degree. Whoever ~~Except as provided in~~  
divisions (C) (2) and (3) of this section, whoever violates  
division (B) of this section is guilty of gross abuse of a  
corpse, a felony of the ~~fifth~~ fourth ~~degree.~~

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(2) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this section,  
if the offender dismembers, mutilates, or intentionally  
disfigures a human corpse, a violation of division (B) of this

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section is a felony of the third degree. 21

(3) If the offender dismembers, mutilates, or 22  
intentionally disfigures a human corpse for the purpose of 23  
concealing a crime, obstructing justice, or impairing the 24  
investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense, a violation 25  
of division (B) of this section is a felony of the second 26  
degree. 27

**Section 2.** That existing section 2927.01 of the Revised 28  
Code is hereby repealed. 29

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as Amanda Dean's Law. 30