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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:

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.

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

~~(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.

(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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<u>section is a felony of the third degree.</u>	21
<u>(3) If the offender dismembers, mutilates, or</u>	22
<u>intentionally disfigures a human corpse for the purpose of</u>	23
<u>concealing a crime, obstructing justice, or impairing the</u>	24
<u>investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense, a violation</u>	25
<u>of division (B) of this section is a felony of the second</u>	26
<u>degree.</u>	27
Section 2. That existing section 2927.01 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.	28
Section 3. This act shall be known as Amanda Dean's Law.	29
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