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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.

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)~~ (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 20
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Code is hereby repealed. 29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