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To amend section 2927.01 of the Revised Code to 1  
enact Amanda Dean's Law to increase the 2  
penalties for abuse of a corpse. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 2927.01 of the Revised Code be 4  
amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 2927.01.** (A) No person, except as authorized by law, 6  
shall treat a human corpse in a way that the person knows would 7  
outrage reasonable family sensibilities. 8

(B) No person, except as authorized by law, shall treat a 9  
human corpse in a way that would outrage reasonable community 10  
sensibilities. 11

~~(C)~~ (C) (1) Whoever violates division (A) of this section 12  
is guilty of abuse of a corpse, a ~~misdemeanor of the second-~~ 13  
~~degreefelony of the fifth degree.~~ Whoever ~~Except as provided in~~ 14  
divisions (C) (2) and (3) of this section, whoever violates 15  
division (B) of this section is guilty of gross abuse of a 16  
corpse, a felony of the ~~fifth~~ fourth degree. 17

(2) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this section, 18  
if the offender dismembers, mutilates, or intentionally 19  
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Code is hereby repealed. 29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