

As Introduced

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S. B. No. 432

Senator Manning

To amend section 2927.01 of the Revised Code to 1
modify the offense of abuse of a corpse. 2

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

Section 1. That section 2927.01 of the Revised Code be 3
amended to read as follows: 4

Sec. 2927.01. (A) No person, except as authorized by law, 5
shall ~~treat a human corpse in a way that the person knows would~~ 6
~~outrage reasonable family sensibilities~~purposely do the 7
following: 8

(1) Abuse a corpse; 9

(2) Disinter, remove, or carry away a corpse. 10

(B) No person, except as authorized by law, shall ~~treat a~~ 11
~~human corpse in a way that would outrage reasonable community~~ 12
~~sensibilities~~purposely do the following: 13

(1) Engage in sexual activity with or involving a corpse; 14

(2) Dismember, mutilate, cut, or strike a corpse. 15

(C) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 16
guilty of abuse of a corpse, a ~~misdemeanor~~felony of the ~~second~~ 17
fifth degree. Whoever violates division (B) of this section is 18

guilty of gross abuse of a corpse, a felony of the ~~fifth~~third degree. 19
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(D) As used in this section, "abuse a corpse" includes 21
treatment of a corpse by any person in a manner not recognized 22
by generally accepted standards of the community or treatment of 23
a corpse by a professional person in a manner not generally 24
accepted as suitable practice by other members of the 25
profession, as defined by rules applicable to the profession. 26

Section 2. That existing section 2927.01 of the Revised 27
Code is hereby repealed. 28