

ALABAMA STATE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 420-7-1
VITAL STATISTICS

420-7-1-.13 Final Disposition, Notice For Disinterment Of A
Body, And Transportation Of Dead Human Bodies.

(1) Authorization for final disposition of dead bodies shall be in accordance with Code of Ala. 1975, §22-9A-16(a).

(2) Authorization for disinterment as required in Code of Ala. 1975, §22-9A-16(g), shall be handled as follows:

(a) The funeral director, or person acting as such, who intends to disinter a body must file a notice of disinterment with the State Registrar or the local registrar in the county in which the body is buried to indicate that he or she will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Health which govern the disinterment, transportation, and disposition of dead human bodies.

(b) The State Registrar or local registrar shall provide a statement to the funeral director, or person acting as such, that the required notice has been filed. The acceptance of the notice by the State Registrar or local registrar does not establish a legal right to disinter a body, but only indicates that the appropriate notice to follow the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Health has been filed by the person carrying out the disinterment.

(c) The notice shall be filed on a form or in a format established by the State Registrar that includes the name of the decedent, the date of death, the cemetery or location where the decedent is now interred, the place where the decedent will be re-interred, and the name and address of the funeral director, or person acting as such, who is handling the removal of the body.

(d) The notice of disinterment shall be kept by the State Registrar or in the local health department following procedures established by the State Records Commission.

(3) All dead human bodies shipped by common carrier shall be in a sealed container; caskets and coffins containing human remains in a state of decomposition shall remain tightly and permanently closed.

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