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abandonment; concealment of body; classification

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HOUSE BILL 2044

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-2926, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO OFFENSES
AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-2926, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-2926. Abandonment or concealment of a dead body;
5 classification

6 A. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly move a dead human body
7 or parts of a human body with the intent to abandon or conceal the dead
8 human body or parts.

9 B. This section does not apply to **EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:**

10 1. The disposition, transportation or other handling of dead human
11 remains for any purpose authorized under title 32, chapter 12, title 32,
12 chapter 20, article 6 and title 36, chapters 3 and 7.

13 2. **THE MOTHER OF AN UNBORN CHILD IF THE GESTATIONAL AGE OF THE**
14 **UNBORN CHILD AT THE TIME OF THE DISPOSITION, TRANSPORTATION OR OTHER**
15 **HANDLING IS LESS THAN TWENTY WEEKS.**

16 C. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 5
17 felony, **EXCEPT THAT A PERSON WHO MUTILATES, DISFIGURES OR DISMEMBERS A**
18 **DEAD HUMAN BODY WITH THE INTENT TO CONCEAL A CRIME OR AVOID APPREHENSION**
19 **FOR A CRIME OR WHO CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON BEFORE ABANDONING OR**
20 **CONCEALING THE DEAD HUMAN BODY OR PARTS IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 2 FELONY.**