

REFERENCE TITLE: abandonment; concealment of body; classification

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Introduced by
Representative Bliss

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

13 C. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 5
14 felony, EXCEPT THAT A PERSON WHO MUTILATES, DISFIGURES OR DISMEMBERS A
15 DEAD HUMAN BODY WITH THE INTENT TO CONCEAL A CRIME OR AVOID APPREHENSION
16 FOR A CRIME OR WHO CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON BEFORE ABANDONING OR
17 CONCEALING THE DEAD HUMAN BODY OR PARTS IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 3 FELONY.