

## CHAPTER 149A

MORTUARY SCIENCE; DISPOSITION  
OF DEAD BODIES

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## 149A.02 DEFINITIONS.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 1a. **Alkaline hydrolysis.** "Alkaline hydrolysis" means the reduction of a dead human body to essential elements through exposure to a combination of heat and alkaline hydrolysis and the repositioning or movement of the body during the process to facilitate reduction, the processing of the remains after removal from the alkaline hydrolysis chamber, placement of the processed remains in a remains container, and release of the remains to an appropriate party. Alkaline hydrolysis is a form of final disposition.

*[For text of subs 2 to 40, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 32 s 1

## 149A.025 ALKALINE HYDROLYSIS.

For purposes of this chapter, the disposal of a dead human body through the process of alkaline hydrolysis shall be subject to the same licensing requirements and regulations that apply to cremation, crematories, and cremated remains as described in this chapter. The licensing requirements and regulations of this chapter shall also apply to the entities where the process of alkaline hydrolysis occurs and to the remains that result from the alkaline hydrolysis process.

**History:** 2003 c 32 s 2

## 149A.06 ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ORDERS.

*[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 4. **Penalty.** If the regulatory agency determines that the violation has been corrected or an acceptable corrective plan has been developed, the penalty may be forgiven, except, where there are repeated or serious violations, the regulatory agency may issue an order with a penalty that will not be forgiven after corrective action is taken. Unless there is a request for review of the order under subdivision 6 before the penalty is due, the penalty is due and payable:

(1) on the 31st calendar day after the order was received, if the subject of the order fails to provide information to the regulatory agency showing that the violation has been corrected or that appropriate steps have been taken toward correcting the violation;

(2) on the 20th day after the subject of the order receives the regulatory agency's determination that the information provided is not sufficient to show that the violation has been corrected or that appropriate steps have been taken toward correcting the violation; or

(3) on the 31st day after the order was received where the penalty is for repeated or serious violations and according to the order issued, the penalty will not be forgiven after corrective action is taken.

All penalties due under this section are payable to the commissioner of finance, state of Minnesota, and shall be credited to the state government special revenue fund in the state treasury.

*[For text of subds 5 to 12, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50

#### **149A.20 LICENSE TO PRACTICE MORTUARY SCIENCE.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 7, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 8. **Fees.** Fees shall be paid to the commissioner of finance, state of Minnesota, and shall be credited to the state government special revenue fund in the state treasury.

*[For text of subds 9 to 13, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50

#### **149A.30 RECIPROCAL LICENSING.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 2. **Fees.** Fees shall be paid to the commissioner of finance, state of Minnesota, and shall be credited to the state government special revenue fund in the state treasury.

*[For text of subds 3 to 7, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50

#### **149A.40 RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MORTUARY SCIENCE.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 7, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 8. **Renewal fees.** The renewal fees shall be paid to the commissioner of finance, state of Minnesota, and shall be credited to the state government special revenue fund in the state treasury.

*[For text of subds 9 to 11, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50

#### **149A.50 LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 6. **Initial licensure and inspection fees.** The licensure and inspection fees shall be paid to the commissioner of finance, state of Minnesota, to the credit of the state government special revenue fund in the state treasury.

*[For text of subds 7 to 9, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50

#### **149A.51 RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 6, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 7. **Renewal and reinspection fees.** The renewal and reinspection fees shall be paid to the commissioner of finance, state of Minnesota, and shall be credited to the state government special revenue fund in the state treasury.

*[For text of subds 8 and 9, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50

**149A.97 PRENEED ARRANGEMENTS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 6a, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 7. **Reports to commissioner.** Every funeral provider lawfully doing business in Minnesota that accepts funds under subdivision 2 must make a complete annual report to the commissioner. The reports may be on forms provided by the commissioner or substantially similar forms containing, at least, identification and the state of each trust account, including all transactions involving principal and accrued interest, and must be filed by March 31 of the calendar year following the reporting year along with a filing fee of \$15 for each report. Fees shall be paid to the commissioner of finance, state of Minnesota, for deposit in the state government special revenue fund in the state treasury. Reports must be signed by an authorized representative of the funeral provider and notarized under oath. All reports to the commissioner shall be reviewed for account inaccuracies or possible violations of this section. If the commissioner has a reasonable belief to suspect that there are account irregularities or possible violations of this section, the commissioner shall report that belief, in a timely manner, to the state auditor. The commissioner shall also file an annual letter with the state auditor disclosing whether or not any irregularities or possible violations were detected in review of the annual trust fund reports filed by the funeral providers. This letter shall be filed with the state auditor by May 31 of the calendar year following the reporting year.

Subd. 8. [Repealed, 1Sp2003 c 1 art 2 s 136]

*[For text of subds 9 to 12, see M.S.2002]*

**History:** 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50