

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

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By: Representative T. Shephard

### For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO CREATE LUX'S LAW; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF A DEAD HUMAN BODY THAT IS INTENDED TO BE CREMATED OR BURIED; TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE SALE OF A DEAD HUMAN BODY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

### Subtitle

*TO CREATE LUX'S LAW; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF A DEAD HUMAN BODY THAT IS INTENDED TO BE CREMATED OR BURIED; AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE SALE OF A DEAD HUMAN BODY.*

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Lux's Law".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-60-101(a), concerning abuse of a corpse, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits abuse of a corpse if, except as authorized by law, he or she knowingly:

(1) Disinters, removes, dissects, or mutilates a corpse; ~~or~~

(2) Sells a corpse, or any part of a corpse, after the corpse has been authorized for final disposition through cremation or burial; or

~~(2)(A)(3)(A)~~ Physically mistreats or conceals a corpse in a manner offensive to a person of reasonable sensibilities.

(B) A person who conceals a corpse in a manner offensive



*to a person of reasonable sensibilities that results in the corpse remaining concealed is continuing in a course of conduct under § 5-1-109(e)(1)(B).*

*(C)(i) As used in this section, “in a manner offensive to a person of reasonable sensibilities” means in a manner that is outside the normal practices of handling or disposing of a corpse.*

*(ii) “In a manner offensive to a person of reasonable sensibilities” includes without limitation the dismembering, submerging, or burning of a corpse.*

*/s/F. Love*

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