



CHAPTER 130A
ARTICLE 16 - POSTMORTEM INVESTIGATION AND DISPOSITION

N.C.G.S. § 130A-388.

Medical examiner's permission necessary before embalming, burial and cremation.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	c. 891, s. 2 — seventh act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 05:39 UTC	f3d5c3dd3005bacc27fcbd05 - b2c8ba7acb340113b6d9f3a1 - a575ab9d57aad8b

§ 130A-388(a) No person knowing or having reason to know that a death may be under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner pursuant to G.S. 130A-383 or 130A-384, shall embalm, bury or cremate the body without the permission of the medical examiner.

§ 130A-388(b) A dead body shall not be cremated or buried at sea unless a medical examiner certifies that he has inquired into the cause and the manner of death and has the opinion that no further examination is necessary. This subsection shall not apply to deaths occurring less than 24 hours after birth or to deaths of patients resulting only from natural disease and occurring in a licensed hospital unless the death falls within the jurisdiction of the medical examiner under G.S. 130A-383 or 130A-384. The Commission is authorized to adopt rules creating additional exceptions to this subsection. For making this certification, the medical examiner shall be entitled to a fee in an amount determined reasonable and appropriate by the Secretary, not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), to be paid by the applicant.

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APPARATUS I
7 ACTS

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02	1957	c. 1357, s. 1		AMENDED	
03	1963	c. 492, s. 4		AMENDED	
04	1967	c. 1154, s. 1		AMENDED	
05	1971	c. 444, s. 7		AMENDED	
06	1973	c. 873, s. 7		AMENDED	
07	1983	c. 891, s. 2		AMENDED	

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 130A-383	(a)	"of the medical examiner pursuant to"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-388 (1983).

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