



CHAPTER 70
ARTICLE 3 - UNMARKED HUMAN BURIAL AND HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS PROTECTION ACT

N.C.G.S. § 70-37.

Prohibited acts.

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- § 70-37(a)

No person, unless acting under the provisions of G.S. 130-198 through G.S. 130-201, shall:

(1)

Knowingly acquire any human skeletal remains removed from unmarked burials in North Carolina after October 1, 1981, except in accordance with the provisions of this Article;

(2)

Knowingly exhibit or sell any human skeletal remains acquired from unmarked burials in North Carolina; or

(3)

Knowingly retain human skeletal remains acquired from unmarked burials in North Carolina after October 1, 1981, for scientific analysis beyond a period of time provided for such analysis pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 70-32, 70-33 and 70-34, with the exception of those skeletal remains curated under the provisions of G.S. 70-35.
- § 70-37(b)

Other provisions of criminal law concerning vandalism of unmarked human burials or human skeletal remains may be found in G.S. 14-149.

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APPARATUS I
1 ACT

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APPARATUS II
5 AUTHORITIES

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. 130-198	(a)	"unless acting under the provisions of"
G.S. 130-201	(a)	"the provisions of G.S. 130-198 through"
G.S. 70-32	(a)(3)	"analysis pursuant to the provisions of"
G.S. 70-35	(a)(3)	"remains curated under the provisions of"
G.S. 14-149	(b)	"skeletal remains may be found in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 70-37 (1981).

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