



CHAPTER 90
ARTICLE 13F - CREMATIONS AND ALKALINE HYDROLYSIS

N.C.G.S. § 90-210.131.

Limitation of liability.

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- § 90-210.131(a)

Any person signing a cremation authorization form as authorizing agent shall be deemed to warrant the truthfulness of any facts set forth in the cremation authorization form, including the identity of the deceased whose remains are sought to be cremated and that person's authority to order such cremation.
- § 90-210.131(b)

A crematory licensee shall have authority to cremate human remains only upon the receipt of a cremation authorization form signed by an authorizing agent. There shall be no liability of a crematory licensee that cremates human remains pursuant to such authorization or that releases or disposes of the cremated remains pursuant to such authorization. A crematory licensee and funeral establishment or licensee thereof who causes the crematory licensee to act shall have no liability for the final disposition or manner in which the cremated remains are handled after the cremated remains are released in accordance with the directions of the authorizing agent.
- § 90-210.131(c)

A crematory licensee shall not be responsible or liable for any valuables delivered to the crematory licensee with human remains.
- § 90-210.131(d)

A crematory licensee shall not be liable for refusing to accept a body or to perform a cremation until it receives a court order or other suitable confirmation that a dispute has been settled if any of the following are satisfied:

(1)

It is aware of any dispute concerning the cremation of human remains.

(2)

It has a reasonable basis for questioning any of the representations made by the authorizing agent.

(3) For any other lawful reason.

§ 90-210.131(e)

If a crematory licensee is aware of any dispute concerning the release or disposition of the reduced human remains, the crematory licensee may refuse to release the reduced human remains until the dispute has been resolved or the crematory licensee has been provided with a court order authorizing the release or disposition of the reduced human remains. A crematory licensee shall not be liable for refusing to release or dispose of reduced human remains in accordance with this subsection. A crematory licensee may charge a reasonable storage fee if the dispute is not resolved within 30 days after it is received by the crematory licensee. (1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 988, s. 1; 1997-399, s. 21; 2003-420, s. 2; 2025-76, s. 1.13.)

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