

## CHAPTER 52

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**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**


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**HOUSE BILL 05-1188**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) McKinley, Cerbo, Decker, Frangas, Harvey, Stafford, and Todd;  
also SENATOR(S) Tapia.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE CRIME OF ABUSE OF A CORPSE.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 18-13-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**18-13-101. Abuse of a corpse.** (1) A person commits abuse of a corpse if, without lawful authority ~~STATUTORY OR COURT-ORDERED AUTHORITY~~, he OR SHE:

(a) Removes the body or remains of any person from a grave or other place of sepulcher without the consent of ~~surviving relatives or surviving intimate friends~~ THE PERSON WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO DISPOSE OF THE REMAINS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-19-106, C.R.S; or

(b) Treats the body or remains of any person in a way that would outrage normal family sensibilities.

(2) Abuse of a corpse is a class 2 misdemeanor.

**SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said date.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 7, 2005

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*