

Bill No. 8 of 1952.

A BILL TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The University Act*, being chapter 179 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 80 is struck out and substituted. The new section provides that a legal representative or other person in possession of the body of a deceased person, who is not an undertaker or a person entrusted with the body for interment only, may permit the body to be handed over to the University for anatomical purposes unless the deceased had expressed, while alive, verbally or in writing, a desire not to have his body so used.

Section 81 is a re-enactment of the former section 80 but removing the limitation that the body of the deceased be one which would have to be buried at public expense.

Section 82, which is new, provides that a body handed over to the University pursuant to sections 80 or 81 by a legal representative or other person, shall be interred in a public burial ground, after it has served its purpose, according to religious persuasion of the deceased and a certificate of the interment sent to the legal representative or other person who handed over the body.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

J. W. RYAN,
Acting Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The University Act.

(Assented to _____, 1952.)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The University Act*, being chapter 179 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

Section 80
amended

2. Section 80 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Anatomical
specimens

“**80.** A legal representative or other person having lawful possession of the body of any deceased person and not being an undertaker or other person entrusted with the body for the purpose only of interment, may hand over or permit the handing over of the body of the deceased person to the University for anatomical purposes and for scientific instruction and research, unless,—

“(a) to the knowledge of the legal representative or other person, such deceased person had expressed his desire either in writing at any time during his life, or verbally in the presence of two or more witnesses during the illness whereof he died, that his body after death might not undergo such examination; or

“(b) the surviving husband or wife, or any known relative of the deceased person requires the body to be interred without such examination.

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“**81.** (1) Every undertaker or public officer having charge of the body of any deceased person which is not claimed within a reasonable time by the immediate relatives or the legal representatives of the deceased, shall upon demand hand over the said body to the University, or to such officers as it may appoint for such purposes, and every hospital, every penal or corrective institution and every eleemosynary or public institution supported by or receiving financial aid from the Province, shall upon demand hand over to the University or the said officers the bodies of deceased inmates of such institutions not claimed within a reasonable time by the immediate relatives or the legal representatives of the deceased, and the University shall keep a careful record of each such body so received by it and shall be at liberty to use the same for anatomical purposes and for scientific instruction and research.

“(2) The demand referred to in subsection (1) may be a general one which shall be effective until countermanded.

“(3) The refusal or failure to comply with the demand shall render the person so refusing or failing liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars. ^{Fine for refusal}

“**82.** Every body handed over to the University for anatomical purposes pursuant to sections 80 or 81 after undergoing anatomical examination, shall be decently interred by the University in some burial ground in use for persons of the religious persuasion to which the person whose body was so examined belonged, and a certificate of the interment of the body shall be transmitted to the legal representative or other person who handed over the body, or permitted the body to be handed over to the University for anatomical purposes.” ^{Burial}

3. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to. ^{Coming into force}

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Received and read the

First time

Second time

Third time

HON. MR. MANNING.
