

Sec. 651.456. UNETHICAL CONDUCT REGARDING CUSTODY OF DEAD HUMAN BODY. A person violates this chapter if the person:

(1) takes custody of a dead human body without the permission of:

(A) the person or the agent of the person authorized to make funeral arrangements for the deceased; or

(B) a medical examiner or a justice of the peace who has jurisdiction over the body under Articles 49.02-49.05, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) refuses to promptly surrender a dead human body to a person or agent authorized to make funeral arrangements for the deceased; or

(3) violates any state law governing the transportation, storage, refrigeration, inurnment, interment, or disinterment of a dead human body.