

72.992 Penalties.

- (1) Any person who violates KRS 72.020(1) or who interferes with the coroner in the lawful performance of his duties shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), or be confined in jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both.
- (2) Any coroner or deputy coroner who violates KRS 72.025 or 72.020 shall be guilty of willful neglect of official duties and shall be fined no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or forfeiture of office or both.
- (3) Any law enforcement officer who violates KRS 72.020 shall be guilty of willful neglect of official duties and shall be fined no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or forfeiture of office or both.
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 - (a)
 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of this paragraph, any violation of KRS 72.031 by an individual other than the surviving spouse, children, parents, or personal representative of the decedent shall result in a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for the first violation and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent violation.
 2. Any violation of KRS 72.031(3) shall result in a fine which equals the greater of the appropriate fine provided for in subparagraph 1. of this paragraph or three (3) times any profits derived from violating KRS 72.031(3).
 - (b) Any fine collected under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be paid into the crime victims' compensation fund created under KRS 49.480.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (6/29/2017). 2017 Ky. Acts ch. 78, sec. 4, states, "This Act [which creates KRS 72.031 and 72.032 and subsection (4) of this statute] is not meant to alter or change in any way the current law in the Commonwealth relating to the availability of autopsy records that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act."

Legislative Research Commission Note (6/29/2017). Subsection (4) of this statute, as created under 2017 Ky. Acts ch. 78, sec. 2, contained a reference to "the crime victims' compensation fund created under KRS 346.185." In codification, this reference has been changed to read "the crime victims' compensation fund created under KRS 49.480." KRS 346.185 was repealed, reenacted as KRS 49.480, and amended by 2017 Ky. Acts ch. 74, sec. 48. The Reviser of Statutes has made this change under the authority of KRS 7.136(1)(e).