

1 AN ACT relating to the disposition of human remains.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 72.450 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) A coroner who has possession of a dead body or a part thereof shall make a bona
5 fide attempt to notify the spouse, if any, or next of kin of the decedent's death. In the
6 event the coroner is unable to locate the spouse, if any, or next of kin, he or she may
7 cause the body to be buried ***or cremated*** at the expense of the fiscal court,
8 consolidated local government, or urban-county government, whichever is
9 appropriate.
- 10 (2) In the event the body is buried ***or cremated*** at public expense, the coroner shall take
11 possession of all money or other property found on or belonging to the decedent and
12 shall deliver same to the fiscal court, consolidated local government, or urban-
13 county government, whichever is appropriate. Any money or other property found
14 on the body of the decedent or belonging to him or her shall be delivered by the
15 coroner to the fiscal court, consolidated local government, or urban-county
16 government, whichever is appropriate, to help defray burial ***or cremation*** expenses.
17 Any excess funds shall escheat to such governmental agency one (1) year thereafter.
- 18 (3) In lieu of having an unclaimed body buried ***or cremated*** at public expense, the
19 coroner may deliver such body or part thereof to a state medical school in
20 accordance with the provisions of KRS 311.300 to 311.350.