

CREMATION OF BODIES, RELATING TO
Act of Jun. 8, 1891, P.L. 212, No. 184
AN ACT

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In relation to cremation of human bodies in this Commonwealth.

Section 1. Permit to Cremate

Every undertaker or proprietor or person in charge of any crematory or furnace or place where any human corpse shall or may be cremated or incinerated, shall, before removing any such corpse to, or receiving any such corpse at, such crematory, furnace or place for cremating or incinerating the same, obtain a permit to cremate or incinerate such corpse from the board or department of health or local health authorities of the city or locality within which such crematory furnace or place is situate. 1891, June 8, P.L. 212, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Before such permit shall be granted, every person applying therefor, shall deposit and file in the office of such board or department of health or local health authorities, a certificate signed in ink by the physician attending during the last illness of such deceased person, (or the certificate of the coroner), and the undertaker and proprietor or person in charge of such crematory, furnace or place, setting forth the decedent's name, age, sex, birthplace, color, last residence by ward, street and number, if such residence was in a city, otherwise as nearly as may be, the time of residence therein, the place of last previous residence, the cause, place and time of death, the place, date and hour of the intended cremation or incineration, and, when practicable, the names of the father and mother of deceased.

Section 3. Any person wilfully violating any of the provisions of this act or being present at, helping or assisting in any cremation or incineration of any human corpse where a permit has not been previously obtained in conformity with and as required by this act, shall forfeit and pay for every offense not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, to be recovered before alderman or police magistrate within the city or county where the offense shall be committed. (1891, June 8, P.L. 212, Sec. 2)