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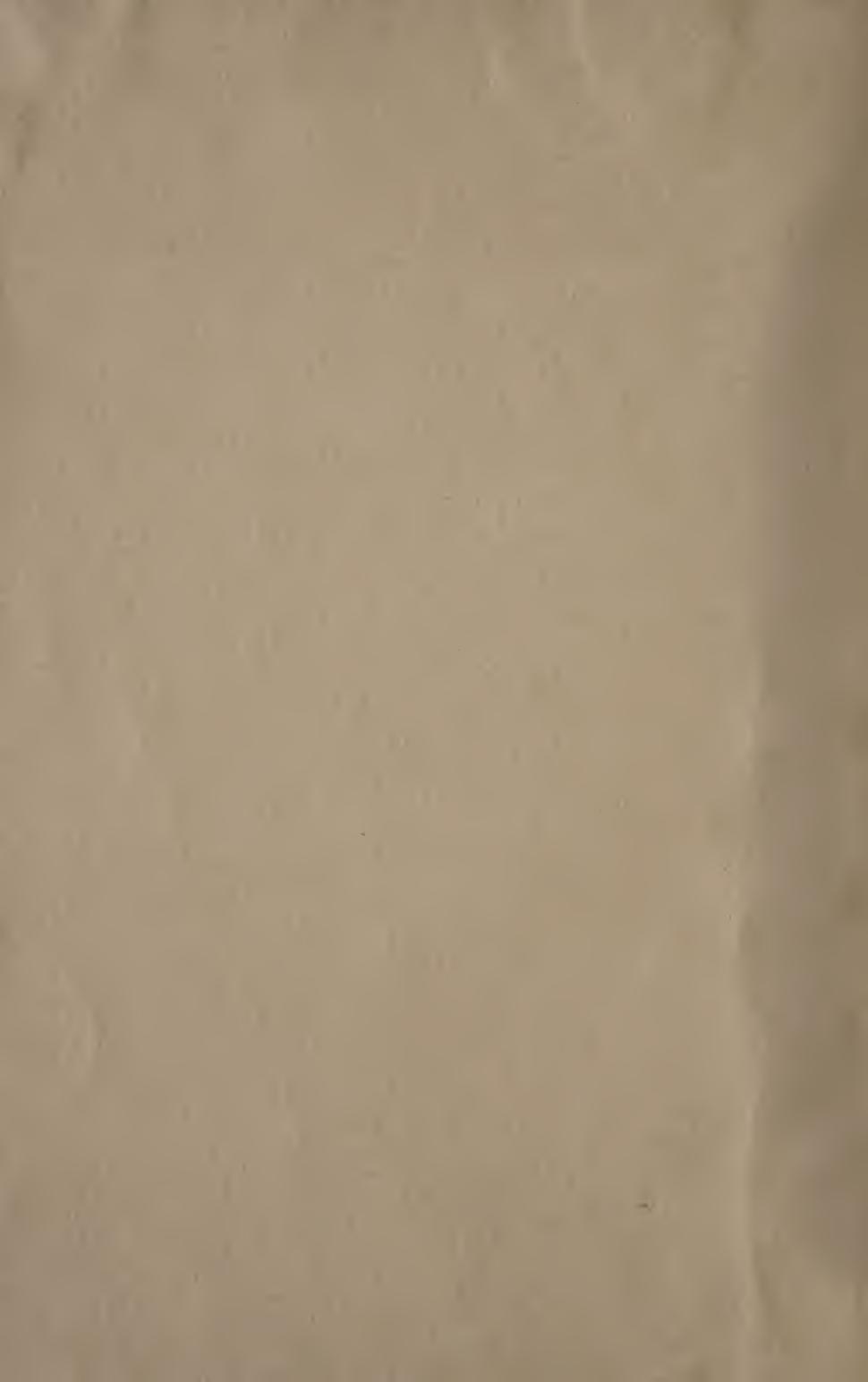
BODIES OF DECEASED PERSONS

IN

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PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY GRANTED BY SECTION 725 OF VOL. 1 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH HAS ADOPTED, AND HEREBY PROMULGATES, THE FOLLOWING RULES FOR REGULATING, AND UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS FORBIDDING, THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE BODIES OF DECEASED PERSONS INTO, THROUGH, OR FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN, THIS STATE.

For the information of all parties concerned the following quotation from the law of the State regulating "Embalming" is made:

"Any licensed physician may embalm bodies in case of death outside of any incorporated municipality having a population of 500 inhabitants, or in such municipality at any time when there is no licensed embalmer in said municipality."

1. Bodies of Persons who have recently died:

RULE 1.

The body of a person who dies of erysipelas, puerperal fever, pneumonia, measles, cerebro-spinal meningitis, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, whooping cough, beri-beri, parotitis (mumps), or hydrophobia, shall in order to be entitled to transportation by a public carrier be prepared as follows:

- (a)—The body, including the hair, must be thoroughly bathed in one of the disinfecting solutions, the formulae for which are given below, and will hereafter be referred to as "disinfecting solutions";
- (b)—All orifices shall be securely closed with unwashed or raw cotton, or with unwashed or raw wool;
- (c)—After the body has been shrouded and placed in a coffin not less than six (6) ounces of formaldehyde, or carbolic acid, shall be poured over a roll of absorbent cotton, or a sponge, of suitable size, or over an ordinary sheet, closely rolled, and placed in the coffin, the lid of which shall be quickly and firmly fastened down and not again removed;
- (d)—The coffin must be completely enveloped in not less than two thicknesses of dry cotton flannel, or of heavy sheeting, of such dimensions as to admit of being freely overlapped at the sides and ends of the coffin, and it shall be so overlapped and securely stitched in place;
- (e)—The coffin must then be placed in a zinc-, tin-, or copper-lined case, the lid of which is provided with a rubber or felt gasket, so that when fastened down the case will be rendered air-tight, and it must be fastened down and not again opened;
- (f)—In the absence of a case susceptible of being made air-tight the space betwixt the coffin and the case shall be compactly filled with dry

saw-dust, excelsior, cotton, cotton-seed, sand, or pulverized charcoal, the material used being freely sprinkled, as laid in, with one of the "disinfecting solutions." The lid of the case must then be firmly fastened down and not again removed;

- (g)—The case must not be carried into the room in which the person died, nor into any infected part of the house, but the coffin after having been prepared as above required shall be removed from the room, or house, before being placed in the case;
- (h)—The body of a person who dies of any of the diseases enumerated under this Rule (1), and which has been prepared as above required, shall be entitled to transportation by a public carrier at any time between the first day of April and the first day of November, provided that such body can reach its destination in thirty (30) hours, or less, from the time of death; at any other season the time shall be extended to forty-eight hours;
- (j)—A certificate must be filled out in triplicate (Form No. 1) the original and the two copies being denominated, respectively, the original certificate, the first copy, and the second copy. The original certificate must be securely tacked to the lid of the case containing the coffin; the first copy must be delivered to the agent of the public carrier at the initial point of shipment and must be by him permanently filed, and shall be subject to inspection at any time by the health authorities having jurisdiction at said point; the second copy, with a coupon attached thereto, shall be delivered to the baggage master, or expressman, of the public carrier at the initial point of shipment, and shall accompany the body to the terminal point of shipment, being transferred from baggage master to baggage master, or from expressman to expressman, when the body is transported over connecting lines, and shall be filed in the office of the public carrier at the terminal point of shipment, where it shall be subject to inspection by the health authorities having jurisdiction over the locality.

The coupon attached to the second copy of the certificate shall be filled out by the baggage master, or expressman, in charge of the body when it reaches its terminal point and shall be detached and mailed to the signer of the certificate;

- (k)—Said certificate and the copies thereof may be signed by a licensed physician, in case the body was prepared for shipment outside of a municipality having a population of 500 inhabitants, or less, or in any municipality without a licensed embalmer therein; or, said certificate and the copies thereof may be signed by an embalmer holding a license issued under the authority of the State, provided that the person signing the certificate and the copies thereof shall have personally superintended the preparation of the body;
- (1)—If, however, in addition to compliance with the above requirements, the body of the deceased person has been embalmed by an embalmer, licensed under the authority of the State, in accordance with a method accepted as complete and efficient by professional embalmers, and if a certificate to that effect, corresponding with Form No. 2, given below, be filled out in triplicate, the original and the first and second copies being applied and filed as required under specification (j), then, the limitations as to time and season prescribed under specification (h) shall not apply.

RULE 2.

The body of a person who dies of diphtheria or membranous croup, scarlet fever, yellow fever, or small-pox shall, in order to be entitled to transportation by a public carrier, be prepared as follows:

- (a)—It shall be thoroughly bathed, including the hair, in one of the "disinfecting solutions";
- (b)—It shall be embalmed by an embalmer, licensed under the authority of the State, in accordance with a method accepted as complete and efficient by professional embalmers;
- (c)—After having been shrouded, or without shrouding, the body shall be enveloped in at least two thicknesses of cotton batting, heavy sheeting, cotton flannel, or blanket material, saturated with one of the "disinfecting solutions";
- (d)—The body shall then be placed in a coffin susceptible of being hermetically sealed, provided such coffin can be obtained, and this in a case likewise susceptible of being hermetically sealed, both of which shall be so sealed;
- (e)—In the absence of a coffin susceptible of being hermetically sealed the space betwixt the coffin and the case must be compactly filled with dry saw-dust, excelsior, cotton, cotton-seed, sand, or pulverized charcoal, the material used being freely sprinkled, as laid in, with one of the "disinfecting solutions";
- (f)—When a coffin is used not susceptible of being hermetically sealed the case in which it is placed must be susceptible of being hermetically sealed, and must be so sealed;
- (g)—The case must not be carried into the infected part of the house, but the coffin, with the body therein, must be removed from the infected part of the house before being placed in the case;
- (h)—The body of a person who dies of yellow fever shall not be accepted by a public carrier for transportation except during the months of December, January, and February; nor the body of a person who dies of smallpox except during the months of June, July, August, and September.
- (i)—A certificate (Form No. 2) in triplicate must be furnished by the embalmer who prepares the body, and the original certificate, together with the first and second copies thereof, must be applied and filed as provided for in specification (j) under Rule 1.

RULE 3.

The body of a person who dies of anthrax, bubonic plague, glanders, typhus fever, or cholera shall not be accepted by a public carrier for transportation, except on a special permit granted by the State Health Officer and that after the consent of the local health authorities of the place from which, and of the place to which, the body is to be transported. In such a case special certificates showing the facts and giving

authority for the transportation of the body must be furnished and applied and filed as provided for in specification (j) under Rule 1.

RULE 4.

The body of a person who dies of a disease other than those diseases mentioned under Rules 1, 2, and 3 shall be entitled to transportation by a public carrier without further preparation than such as is usually employed in advance of interment, provided that if offered for shipment between the first day of April and the first day of November it can reach its destination in twenty-four (24) hours, or less, from the time of death; at any other season the time shall be extended to thirty-six (36) hours.

- (a)—A certificate must be filled out in triplicate in accordance with form No. 1 or 2, according to whether the certificate is to be signed by a physician, or an embalmer, the original and the copies being applied and filed as provided for in specification (j) of Rule 1. Said certificate and the copies thereof shall be signed by the physician who attended the deceased person, or by the health officer having jurisdiction at the initial point of shipment, or by a reputable embalmer or undertaker.
- (b)—If the body of a person coming under this rule has been embalmed by an embalmer, licensed under the authority of the state, in accordance, with a method accepted as complete and efficient by professional embalmers, and if a certificate corresponding with Form No. 2, given below, be filled out in triplicate and applied and filed as provided for in specification (j) of Rule 1, then, no limitation as to time and season shall apply.

RULE 5.

The body of a person who dies suddenly—by accident, suicide, homicide, or by any non-contagious or non-infectious disease—may be transported by a public carrier to such place as may be necessary or desirable, in order that it may receive proper care, without any preparation whatever, provided that putrefaction has not progressed to such extent as to obviously forbid such transportation.

RULE 6.

Nothing in these rules shall be so construed as to prevent the transportation of the bodies of deceased persons by private conveyance, or by public hearses, within the counties of the State, or to prevent the transportation of such bodies from one county to another by said conveyances, in order to reach cemeteries in which they are entitled to interment.

A similar privilege shall apply to the bodies of deceased persons brought from points in adjoining states, near the line of this state, by said conveyances.

RULE 7.

The bodies of deceased persons brought into this state by public carriers shall have been prepared by methods calculated to render them at least as safe as they would have been rendered by corresponding methods prescribed for the preparation of similar bodies in this state, and shall be

accompanied by satisfactory certificates showing that fact; provided that the body of a person who dies of yellow fever shall not be brought into the State except during the months of December, January, and February, nor the body of a person who dies of smallpox except during the months of June, July, August, and September; and provided further that the bodies of persons who die of anthrax, bubonic plague, cholera, or typhus fever shall not be brought into the State, except on a special permit granted by the State Health Officer.

RULE 8.

It shall not be lawful for a public carrier to bring into this state, or to accept for transportation in this state, the body of a deceased person in which decomposition has progressed to such extent as to render said body seriously objectionable, even though such body be accompanied by the prescribed certificates.

Should difference of opinion as to the fitness of the body of a deceased person for transportation arise betwixt a public carrier and the person in charge of the body, the latter may appeal to any legal health officer in the vicinity, whose decision in the premises shall be accepted.

RULE 9.

When the bodies of deceased persons are offered for shipment public carriers shall furnish all reasonable facilities for the prompt and expeditious transportation thereof.

RULE 10.

The health authorities of the locality from which the body of a deceased person who dies of a contagious or infectious disease is shipped by a public carrier shall decide as to who may accompany the body, and as to the precautions which such persons shall observe in order to prevent them from becoming carriers of infection. When the prescribed precautions have been complied with said authorities shall furnish such persons with written permits to accompany the body.

II. EXHUMATION OF THE BODIES OF DECEASED PERSONS, OR THE REMOVAL OF SUCH BODIES FROM VAULTS.

RULE 11.

The body of a person who dies of a disease other than anthrax, bubonic plague, glanders, typhus fever, or cholera may be accepted by a public carrier for transportation after exhumation, or after removal from a vault, provided that the following requirements be complied with:

(a)—Twelve months must have elapsed betwixt interment, or placing in vault, and disinterment, or removal from vault, unless such body was shortly after death embalmed by an embalmer, licensed under authority of the State, in accordance with a method accepted as complete and efficient by professional embalmers, and unless that fact be established by a certificate signed by the embalmer who did the work, in which case the above limitation as to time shall not apply;

- (b)—During the progress of the exhumation the soil overlying and surrounding the body must be freely sprinkled with one of the "disinfecting solutions";
- (c)—The coffin, if in a state of sufficient preservation, shall be enveloped in at least two thicknesses of blanket material, cotton flannel, or batting, or heavy sheeting, saturated with one of the "disinfecting solutions" and then placed in a new zinc-. tin-, or copper-lined case, which must be hermetically sealed and not reopened. If the coffin is not in a good state of preservation, the remains shall be transferred to another coffin susceptible of being hermetically sealed, and it shall be so sealed, and this placed in a new case, likewise susceptible of being hermetically sealed, and it shall be so sealed.

If odors so require, the coffin must be surrounded in the case by dry saw-dust, excelsior, cotton, cotton-seed, sand, or pulverized charcoal, freely sprinkled, as laid in, with one of the "disinfecting solutions." A roll of absorbent cotton, or a sponge, of suitable size, or a closely rolled sheet, upon which not less than six (6) ounces of formaldehyde, or carbolic acid, have been poured must likewise be placed in the case, after which the case must be hermetically sealed and not again opened;

- (d)—A certificate, in triplicate, (Form No. 3), shall be signed by the health officer who has jurisdiction over the locality at which the disinterment, or removal from vault, takes place, or by an embalmer licensed under the authority of the State, and the original certificate and the copies thereof shall be applied and filed as prescribed in specification (j) under Rule 1;
- (e)—In the removal of a body from a vault the same limitations as to diseases, time of removal, condition of coffin, and substitution of a new case, susceptible of being hermetically sealed, for the one in which the coffin was originally placed, that were prescribed for the exhumation of a body shall apply;
- (f)—Before the disinterment of a body, or the removal of one from a vault, for transportation by a public carrier is undertaken, a written permit from the local health authorities of the place from which, and of the place to which, the body is to be removed must be obtained;
- (g)—The written permit granted by the health authorities of the place from which the body is to be removed must be permanently filed by the undertaker, or person, employed to disinter the body, or to remove it from a vault; the written permit of the health authorities of the place at which the body is to be re-interred, or placed in a vault, must be permanently filed by the undertaker, or person, employed to take charge of the body.

RULE 12.

The body of a person who dies of yellow fever shall not be disintered, or removed from a vault, for the purpose of being transported by a public carrier, except during the months of December, January, and February; nor the body of a person who dies of smallpox, except during the months of June, July, August. and September.

DISINFECTING SOLUTIONS.

Formula No. 1.

Corrosive sublimate	Half a drachm			
Muriate of ammonia (Sal Ammoniac)	Two drachms			
Water	Two quarts			
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or				
Corrosive sublimate	Four tablets			
Water				
Mix in an earthen, wooden, or glass vessel, and after vessel very thoroughly, as the mixture would be poisonous taken internally by mistake. Persons with abrasions, cut hands should not immerse them in the solution.	s if any of it were			
Formula No. 2.				
Carbolic acid (pure)	Four ounces			
Water				
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Mix in an earthen, wooden, or glass vessel, and after vessel very thoroughly.	using cleanse the			
Formula No. 3.				
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Formaldehyde	One pint			
Water	Three pints			

Mix and observe the same precautions as prescribed above.

FORMS.

Form 1. ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE.
(To be securely tacked (not pasted) on lid of case containing body.)
I certify that
male (female); white (colored); agedyears (months); whose body
is contained herein died of
on theday of, 191, ato'clock, A. M. (P. M.); and I further certify that said body has been prepared
in strict accordance with Rule of a set of rules regulating the trans-
portation of the bodies of deceased persons in this state by public carriers,
and is therefore entitled to transportation in accordance with the provisions
of said Rule.
Place
Date
Form 1. FIRST COPY.
(To be filed with public carrier at initial point of shipment.)
I certify that
male (female); white (colored); agedyears (months); whose body is contained herein died of
on the, 191, at
o'clock, A. M. (P. M.); and I further certify that said body has been prepared
in strict accordance with Rule of a set of rules regulating the trans-
portation of the bodies of deceased persons in this state by public carriers,
and is therefore entitled to transportation in accordance with the provisions of said Rule.
PlaceM. D.
Date
Form 1. SECOND COPY.
(To be filed with public carrier at terminal point of shipment.)
I certify that
male (female); white (colored); agedyears (months); whose body
is contained herein died of
on the, 191, at
o'clock, A. M. (P. M.); and I further certify that said body has been prepared
in strict accordance with Rule of a set of rules regulating the transportation of the bodies of deceased persons in this state by public carriers,
and is therefore entitled to transportation in accordance with the provisions
of said Rule.
Place
Date
COUPON.
I certify that the body of
shipped from, reached
(its destination), at o'clock,
A. M. (P. M.), and further, that said body appeared to be incondition.
Date
Baggage Master.

Note: The Baggage Master, or Expressman, at terminal point should fill out this Coupon—stating whether the body is in good, fair, or bad condition—detach it, and mail to the party who signed the certificate.

Form 2.

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE.

(To be securely tacked (not pasted) on lid of case containing body.)	
I certify that, male (female); white	
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I am a licensed Embalmer under the authority of the State, the No. of m	∇
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Form 2. FIRST COPY.	
(To be filed with agent of public carrier at initial point.)	
I certify that, male (female); white	_
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(To be filed with agent of public carrier at terminal point.)	
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Note: The Baggage Master, or Expressman, at terminal point should fill out this Coupon—stating whether the body is in good, fair, or bad condition—detach it, and mail to the party who signed the certificate.

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE. Form 3. (To be securely tacked (not pasted) on lid of case containing body.) male (female); white (colored); aged _____years (months); who died of -----day of -----, 191___, at _____ was disinterred (or removed from vault) in strict accordance with Rule ELEVEN of a set of rules regulating the transportation of the bodies of deceased persons in this State, and is therefore entitled to transportation by public carriers under said Rule. D.Place_____ Date_____191___ Health Officer of _____ Embalmer. FIRST COPY. Form 3. (To be filed with public carrier at initial point of shipment.) male (female); white (colored); aged _____years (months); who died of -----day of ------191___, at _____ was disinterred (or removed from vault) in strict accordance with Rule ELEVEN of a set of rules regulating the transportation of the bodies of deceased persons in this State, and is therefore entitled to transportation by public carriers under said Rule. ·----M. D. Place______191___ Health Officer of _____ Form 3. $SECOND\ COPY.$ (To be filed with public carrier at terminal point of shipment.) I certify that the body of_______________________________ male (female); white (colored); aged _____years (months); who died of ______on the_____day of ______, 191___, at _____ was disinterred (or removed from vault) in strict accordance with Rule ELEVEN of a set of rules regulating the transportation of the bodies of deceased persons in this State, and is therefore entitled to transportation by public carriers under said Rule. _____M. D. Embalmer. COUPON.I certify that the body of _____, shipped

from _____, reached _____, (its destination), at____o'clock A. M. (P. M.), and further that said body appeared to be in_____condition. Date_____191___

Baggage Master. Expressman.

Note: When above Certificates are filled out and signed by a health officer the word "Embalmer" should be marked out; when filled out and signed by an embalmer the words "Health Ofgeer of" should be marked out; so of the words Baggage Master and Expressman.

DISINTERMENT, OR REMOVAL FROM VAULT, AFTER THE LAPSE OF TWELVE MONTHS.

When a body is to be disinterred, or removed from a vault, for transportation by a public carrier after the lapse of twelve months from the time of death, the following certificate (in duplicate) must, in addition to other certificates already provided for, be filled out by the health officer, or embalmer, who superintends the disinterment, or the removal from vault.

The original Certificate must be delivered to, and filed by, the health authorities of the place at which the body is to be disinterred, or removed from vault, and the duplicate must be delivered to, and filed by, the health authori-

ties of the place at which the body is to be re-interred.

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE.
Form 4.
I certify that the remains herein contained are those of
who died of
and that twelve months elapsed betwixt the interment and disinterment of the body.
I further certify that in the disinterment of said remains the method prescribed under Rule —, of a set of rules for regulating the disinterment and transportation of bodies, issued by the State Board of Health, was strictly complied with.
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DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE.
Form 4.
I certify that the remains herein contained are those of
who died of
and that twelve months elapsed betwixt the interment and disinterment of the body.
I further certify that in the disinterment of said remains the method prescribed under Rule —, of a set of rules for regulating the disinterment and transportation of bodies, issued by the State Board of Health, was strictly complied with.

Note: When above certificates are signed by a health officer the word "Embalmer" should be marked out, and vice versa.

Date______191___ Health Officer of______

Embalmer.

DISINTERMENT OR REMOVAL FROM VAULT IN LESS THAT TWELVE MONTHS.

When a body is to be disinterred, or removed from a vault, for transportation by a public carrier in less than twelve months from the time of deat the following certificate (in duplicate) must, in addition to other certificate already provided for, be filled out by the embalmer who embalmed the body just after death.

The Original Certificate must be delivered to, and filed by, the health a thorities of the place at which the body is to be disinterred, and on which permit for disinterment is granted; the duplicate must be delivered to, an filed by, the health authorities of the place at which the body is to be reitterred, upon which a permit for reinterment is granted.

EMBALMERS CERTIFICATE.

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