## 331.804 Disposition of body and other property.

- 1. After an investigation has been completed, including an autopsy if one is performed, the body shall be prepared for transportation. The body shall be transported by a funeral director chosen by a person authorized to control the remains of the deceased person under section 144C.5, for burial or other appropriate disposition. A medical examiner shall not use influence in favor of a particular funeral director. However, if a person other than a funeral director assumes custody of a dead body, the person shall secure a burial transit permit pursuant to section 144.32. If no one claims a body, it shall be disposed of as provided in chapter 142.
- 2. If no one is entitled by law to the property or money found on a deceased person, the property shall be deposited with the clerk of the district court who shall dispose of it as provided by law.

[C51, \$200; R60, \$410; C73, \$366; C97, \$527, 532, 533; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, \$**5215, 5216**; C46, 50, 54, 58, \$339.19, 339.20; C62, 66, \$339.10, 339.11; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, \$339.11, 339.12; S81, \$331.804; 81 Acts, ch 117, \$803]

2002 Acts, ch 1098, §4; 2008 Acts, ch 1051, §19, 22 Referred to in §141A.5, 144.56