

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-301 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the return of bodies*
3 *donated for scientific study.*

4 [H 1008]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 32.1-301 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 32.1-301. Burial, cremation, or return of bodies after scientific study.

9 After the bodies distributed pursuant to § 32.1-299 have been used for the purpose of instruction,
10 they shall be decently interred or cremated by the institution or individual receiving them. *However, if*
11 *the decedent has stipulated in writing before his death that the cremated remains of his body, lawfully*
12 *donated for scientific study, shall be returned to relatives for disposition after scientific study has been*
13 *completed, or if the decedent's next of kin, who lawfully donated the body for scientific study, requests*
14 *the office of the Chief Medical Examiner in writing at the time of donation that the decedent's cremated*
15 *remains shall be returned to relatives after scientific study has been completed, the institution or*
16 *individual that received the body shall return the decedent's cremated remains to his next of kin or*
17 *relatives. Any such writing shall acknowledge the responsibility to maintain the current name, address,*
18 *and telephone number of the relatives to whom the decedent's cremated remains are to be returned.*

19 *The written request of the decedent's next of kin shall include the name of the next of kin, the current*
20 *address to which the cremated remains shall be delivered, and the current telephone number of the next*
21 *of kin or relatives where they may be contacted. The costs of transporting and delivering the cremated*
22 *remains shall be borne by the institution or individual receiving the body. The institution or individual*
23 *that received the decedent's body and who has received such a written request shall not be obligated to*
24 *return the decedent's cremated remains if the name, address, and telephone number of the next of kin or*
25 *relatives have not been provided in such written request, or are no longer current.*

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