



ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

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BURIALS ACT

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BURIALS ACT

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION RESPECTING BURIAL OF DEAD PERSONS; AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Burials Act.

Before interment a certificate of cause of death by medical practitioner to be produced to District Registrar.

2. (1) No corpse shall hereafter be buried until a certificate be produced to the District Registrar of births and deaths signed by the medical practitioner of the deceased person provided such medical practitioner be duly licensed, or in case there has been no such medical practitioner, by the Medical Officer of the district in which such person shall have died, or some other duly qualified medical man acting for such Medical Officer, setting forth the cause of death, and until the Registrar shall have entered the particulars relating to the death and cause thereof in the register and issued a permit to bury.

(2) Such permit shall be in the form set out in the Schedule to this Act.

(Amended by Act 6 of 2008)

Who shall apply to medical practitioner for a certificate.

3. It shall be the duty of the head of the family, or the person occupying the house in which any person shall have died, and if there be no such person, the nearest local constable, or in a town or village in which there is a police station, the officer in charge of the police station, to apply to the medical practitioner of the deceased person, or if there has been no medical practitioner, to the Medical Officer of the district, for his or her certificate as aforesaid.

(Amended by Act 6 of 2008)

Medical practitioner to grant same.

4. The medical practitioner is hereby required to grant the certificate hereinbefore mentioned, and if there has been no such medical practitioner, the Medical Officer of the district, upon being applied to as aforesaid, shall, with all convenient speed, ascertain the cause of death, and grant the certificate.

(Amended by Act 6 of 2008)

Permit to bury.

5. The person to whom the certificate is granted shall forthwith produce the same to the Registrar, who shall retain it, note the contents in his or her registry, and issue to the person presenting the certificate a permit to bury which shall be the authority to the minister and other persons burying the corpse.

Penalty for burying corpse without permit.

6. Any minister or other person who buries or causes to be buried, or assists in burying any corpse without having first received such permit as aforesaid, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars.

(Amended by Acts 7 of 1976 and 9 of 1986)

Registrar to transmit certificate to Registrar General.

7. Every Registrar shall, on the first day of each month, transmit to the Registrar General all such certificates received by him or her during the preceding month.

Penalty for offending under this Act.

8. Any person neglecting to comply with any of the requirements of this Act shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

(Amended by Acts 7 of 1976 and 9 of 1986)

Nothing herein contained to affect any other laws.

9. Nothing contained in this Act shall interfere with or lessen the duties required to be performed by any person under the authority of any other Act.

SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

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PERMIT TO BURY.

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I hereby certify that the death of aged years has been duly registered. Permission is now granted to bury his/her body.

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Registrar
