



Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971

1971 CHAPTER 2

PART IV

GENERAL WELFARE MATTERS

Ss.22#24 rep. by 1972 NI 14

25 Burial or cremation of the dead.

- (1) It shall be the duty of every [^{F1} district council]^{F2} to cause to be buried or cremated the body of any person who has died or been found dead in its [^{F1} district], where it appears to the [^{F1} district council] that suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body have not been, or are not being, made otherwise than by the [^{F1} district council].

Subs.(2) rep. by SRO (NI) 1973/211; subs.(3) rep. by 1972 NI 14

- (4) A [^{F1} district council]^{F3} may recover from the estate of the deceased person, or from any person who, for the purposes of [^{F1} the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972], was liable to maintain the deceased person immediately before his death, expenses incurred under subsection (1)...^{F4F5}
- (5) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall affect any enactment regulating or authorising the burial, cremation or anatomical examination of the body of a deceased person; and a body shall not be cremated under this section where the [^{F1} district council] has reason to believe that cremation would be contrary to the wishes of the deceased.

F1	SRO (NI) 1973/211
F2	SRO (NI) 1973/211
F3	1972 NI 14; SRO (NI) 1973/211
F4	1972 NI 14
F5	1986 NI 18

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971, PART IV. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 25(5) excluded (temp.) (25.3.2020) by [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 87(1), **Sch. 28 para. 13(4)(b)** (with ss. 88-90)
- C2** S. 25(5) expiry of earlier affecting provision 2020 c. 7, Sch. 28 para. 13 (25.3.2022) by [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 89 (with s. 90)

Ss.26#29 rep. by 1972 NI 14

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