



Births and Deaths Registration Act 1874

1874 CHAPTER 88 37 and 38 Vict

Burials

17^{F1}

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 17 repealed by [Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

18 **Burial of deceased children as still-born.**

A person shall not wilfully bury or procure to be buried the body of any deceased child as if it were still-born.

A person who has control over or ordinarily buries bodies in any burial ground shall not permit to be buried in such burial ground the body of any deceased child as if it were still-born, . . .^{F2}

Any person who acts in contravention of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding [^{F3}level 1 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

F2 Words repealed by [Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

F3 Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 46](#)

19 **Notice where coffin contains more than one body.**

Where there is in the coffin in which any deceased person is brought for burial the body of any other deceased person, or the body of any still-born child, the undertaker or other person who has charge of the funeral shall deliver to the person who buries or performs any funeral or religious service for the burial of such body or bodies notice

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in writing signed by such undertaker or other person, and stating to the best of his knowledge and belief with respect to each such body the following particulars:—

- (a) If the body is the body of a deceased person, the name, sex, and place of abode of the said deceased person;
- (b) If the body has been found exposed, and the name and place of abode are unknown, the fact of the body having been so found and of the said particulars being unknown; and
- (c) If the body is that of a deceased child without a name, or a still-born child, the name and place of abode of the father, or, if it is illegitimate, of the mother of such child.

Every person who fails to comply with this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding [^{F4}ten pounds]. [^{F4}level 1 on the standard scale].

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Textual Amendments

F4 Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 46**

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Textual Amendments

F5 Ss. 1–5, 7–16, 20, 23, 30, 35, 36, 38–44, 47–49, 52, Schs.1–3 repealed by [Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 \(c. 20\)](#), **Sch. 2**

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Textual Amendments

F6 Ss. 21, 24–27, 31–33 repealed by [Registration Service Act 1953 \(c. 37\)](#), **Sch. 2**

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Textual Amendments

F7 Ss. 22, 34 repealed by [Local Government Act 1929 \(c. 17\)](#), **Sch. 12 Pt. I**

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Textual Amendments

F8 Ss. 1–5, 7–16, 20, 23, 30, 35, 36, 38–44, 47–49, 52, Schs.1–3 repealed by [Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 \(c. 20\)](#), **Sch. 2**

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24–27 F9

Textual Amendments

F9 Ss. 21, 24–27, 31–33 repealed by Registration Service Act 1953 (c. 37), Sch. 2

28 F10

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 28 repealed by National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (c. 32), Sch. 5

29 F11

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 29 repealed by Elementary Education Act 1876 (c. 79), Sch. 4

30 F12

Textual Amendments

F12 Ss. 1–5, 7–16, 20, 23, 30, 35, 36, 38–44, 47–49, 52, Schs.1–3 repealed by Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c. 20), Sch. 2

31–33 F13

Textual Amendments

F13 Ss. 21, 24–27, 31–33 repealed by Registration Service Act 1953 (c. 37), Sch. 2

34 F14

Textual Amendments

F14 Ss. 22, 34 repealed by Local Government Act 1929 (c. 17), Sch. 12 Pt. I

35, 36. F15

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Textual Amendments

F15 Ss. 1–5, 7–16, 20, 23, 30, 35, 36, 38–44, 47–49, 52, Schs.1–3 repealed by Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c. 20), **Sch. 2**

37 **F16**

Textual Amendments

F16 S. 37 repealed by Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Special Provisions) Act 1957 (c. 58), **ss. 2(3), 7(2)**

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