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**§ 4501. Disposition.**

All unembalmed dead human bodies shall be buried or cremated within twenty-four (24) hours after death, unless kept under adequate refrigeration in the custody of the Director, or as many otherwise be authorized by the Director.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

**§ 4502. Right and Duty to Dispose of Dead Human Bodies.**

The right to control the disposition of a dead human body, and the duty of burial or other disposition, and the liability for the reasonable cost thereof, devolves upon the following in the order named:

- (a) The surviving spouse of the decedent,
- (b) The surviving child or children of the decedent,
- (c) The surviving parent or parents of the decedent,

(d) The person or persons, respectively, in the next degrees of kindred, in the order named by laws of Guam, as entitled to succeed to the estate of the decedent; provided, that the liability for the cost of burial or other disposition shall be primarily upon the estate of the decedent.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

**§ 4503. Indigents: Duty of Director.**

Where the duty of burial or other disposition of a dead human body does not devolve upon any other person in Guam, or if such person cannot after reasonable diligence be found within Guam, the Director shall arrange for the burial or other disposition of such body.

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**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

**§ 4504. Burial Permit.**

No human body shall be buried, deposited in a crypt, mausoleum or vault, cremated, or otherwise disposed of, unless a permit has first been issued therefor by the Director. Such permit shall be presented to the person in charge of the cemetery or other place of disposition, or crematory, and shall be promptly returned by him to the Director after such burial, or other disposition, or cremation, with a notation of the completion thereof.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

**§ 4505. Discretion of Director as to Disposition.**

In the protection of the public health, having consideration of the cause of death or other special conditions, the Director may in his discretion order such form of burial or disposition of a dead human body as he deems necessary.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

**§ 4506. Transportation of Infected Body Within the Territory of Guam.**

No person shall transport any dead human body of any person who died from, or while having, any communicable disease as specified in Subchapter D, within Guam, including from one house, building or other structure to another house, building or other structure, without a permit from the Director which shall specify the conditions under which such move may be made.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

**§ 4507. Transportation into or from the Territory of Guam.**

No dead human body shall be transported into or from the Territory of Guam without a permit from the Director and unless it has been embalmed and is in a sound casket and enclosed in a wooden transportation case.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

**§ 4508. Limitation on Transportation.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 4506 and 4507, the transportation into, from, or within Guam of bodies of persons who have died from plague, small pox, Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever, or anthrax is prohibited without a permit from the Director and unless all activities preparations and transportation in connection therewith occurring within Guam are under his supervision.

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**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

**§ 4509. Disinterment.**

No dead human body or remains shall be disinterred, or removed from any cemetery or place of burial, for reburial or otherwise, or from any crypt, mausoleum, or vault, without a permit from the Director.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 3-109, effective 10/13/56.

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