

*A.C.A. § 20-17-101*

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Title 20 Public Health And Welfare  
Subtitle 2. Health And Safety  
Chapter 17 Death and Disposition of the Dead  
Subchapter 1 -- General Provisions

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**20-17-101. Death -- Legal definition.**

**(a)** An individual is dead who has sustained either:

**(1)** Irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions; or

**(2)** Irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem.

**(b)** A determination of death shall be made in accordance with accepted medical standards.

**HISTORY:** Acts 1979, No. 99, §§ 1, 2; 1985, No. 386, §§ 1, 2; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 82-537, 82-538.