

A.C.A. § 20-17-707

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition
© 1987-2012 by the State of Arkansas
All rights reserved.

*** Legislation is current through the 2012 Fiscal Session and updates ***
*** received from the Arkansas Code Revision Commission through ***
*** August 1, 2012. ***

Title 20 Public Health And Welfare
Subtitle 2. Health And Safety
Chapter 17 Death and Disposition of the Dead
Subchapter 7 -- Unclaimed Bodies

A.C.A. § 20-17-707 (2012)

20-17-707. Holding period for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

(a) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall cause any body accepted under this subchapter to be retained in a proper state of preservation for ninety (90) days after the date the body is received by it.

(b) During this time any relative, next of kin, friend, any representative of a fraternal society of which the deceased was a member or a representative of a charitable or religious group may claim the body for burial at his or her or its expense as stated in § 20-17-706(a)-(c).

(c) If a claim is made, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall be reimbursed by the claimant for the embalming fee and transportation charges that have been incurred by it in favor of the body claimed.

(d) If the body is not claimed by any person or organization within ninety (90) days from the date of arrival at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, then all right, title, and interest in the body shall be deemed to vest in the state for the benefit of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and any living relative, next of kin, friend, or organization shall be deemed to have consented irrevocably to use of the body for the advancement or study of medical science.

HISTORY: Acts 1959, No. 22, § 6; A.S.A. 1947, § 82-405.4.