

or legally insufficient, I feel that it would be unwise to sign into law a bill which, due to possible ambiguities, may cause significant practical problems for the Anatomy Board. More important, at least one amendment which was made to the bill apparently produces a result which was not intended by its sponsors.

The Anatomy Board can ill afford a lack of clarity with respect to duties of such an important and sensitive nature. In addition, the General Assembly should have ample time during its next regular session to clarify its intent in the particular area addressed by the Attorney General.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 583.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

Letter from State Law Department on
House Bill 583

March 26, 1976

Honorable Marvin Mandel
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House Bill 583

Dear Governor Mandel:

House Bill 583 deals with the distribution of bodies under the custody and control of the Anatomy Board. As introduced the Bill purported only to clarify certain provisions of Article 43, Section 160(c) by authorizing the transportation of human specimens by certain persons outside of the State for use at "educational programs," subject to the approval of the Anatomy Board.

Before turning to the problems created by the amendments to the Bill, we should note that certain interpretative questions may be raised by the manner in which the law was changed to deal with out-of-state educational programs. Under the present law human specimens may be taken out of the State by physicians and similar persons with the permission of the Anatomy Board for use at "scientific or medical meetings, demonstrations or exhibits." It is clear that the adjectives "scientific" and "medical" modify all three of the nouns used - meetings, demonstrations and exhibits.