

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.2844a Dental examination of dead body; forwarding records to law enforcement agency; entering information into national crime information center; cancellation of information.

Sec. 2844a.

(1) In deaths investigated by the county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner where he or she is not able to establish and verify, as required under section 5 of 1953 PA 181, MCL 52.205, the identity of the dead body by visual means, fingerprints, DNA, or other definitive identification procedures, the county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner may have a qualified dentist, as determined by the county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner, carry out a dental examination of the dead body. If the county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner, with the aid of the dental examination and other identifying findings, is still not able to establish the identity of the dead body, the county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner shall forward the dental examination records to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency shall enter the information from the dental examination records into the national crime information center pursuant to section 8 of 1968 PA 319, MCL 28.258.

(2) If a person reported missing has not been found within 30 days, the law enforcement agency conducting the investigation for the missing person shall request the family or next of kin of the missing person to give them written consent to contact and request from the dentist of the missing person the person's dental records. The information from the dental records of the missing person shall be entered into the national crime information center by the law enforcement agency pursuant to section 8 of 1968 PA 319, MCL 28.258.

(3) If a person reported missing has been found, the law enforcement agency that entered the information under subsection (2) shall cancel the information.

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