



Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967

1967 CHAPTER 36

PART I

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

12 Restriction on removal of body of person dying in hospital from notifiable disease.

- (1) Where^{F1} the Director of Public Health, or some other medical practitioner, certifies that in his opinion it is necessary, in order to prevent the spread of infection, that the body of a person who has died in a hospital while suffering from a notifiable disease should not be removed from the hospital except for the purpose of being taken direct to a mortuary or being forthwith buried or cremated, it shall not be lawful for any person to remove the body from the hospital, except for such a purpose.
- (2) In any such case as aforesaid, when the body is removed for the purpose of burial or cremation from the hospital or is removed from any mortuary to which it has been taken, it shall forthwith be taken direct to some place of burial or cremation, and there buried or cremated.
- (3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Part.

F1 Words in Act substituted (1.4.2009) by [Health and Social Care \(Reform\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2009](#) (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), [Sch. 6 para. 2\(1\)](#); S.R. 2009/114, [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, Section 12.