

# TITLE LXII

## CRIMINAL CODE

### CHAPTER 635

#### UNAUTHORIZED ENTRIES

#### Cemeteries, Burial Grounds, Gravestones

##### Section 635:8

**635:8 Penalties.** – Any person who is convicted of an offense under RSA 635:6 or 635:7 shall be guilty of a class B felony, and shall be ordered by the court to make restitution for damages resulting from the offense and for replacement of removed items.

**Source.** 1987, 107:1, eff. May 6, 1987.

**635:7 Unlawful Possession or Sale of Gravestones and Gravesite Items.** – No person shall possess or sell, offer for sale or attempt to sell, or transfer or dispose of any monument, gravestone, marker, or other structure, or any portion or fragment thereof, placed or designed for a memorial of the dead, or any fence, railing, gate, plot delineator, or curb, knowing or having reasonable cause to know that it has been unlawfully removed from a cemetery or burial ground.

**Source.** 1987, 107:1, eff. May 6, 1987

**635:6 Interference With Cemetery or Burial Ground.** –

I. No person, without the written authorization of the owner of a burial plot, or the lineal descendant of the deceased, if such owner or lineal descendant is known, or the written authorization of the governing board of the municipality in which the burial plot lies, if the owner or lineal descendant is unknown, shall:

(a) Purposely or knowingly destroy, mutilate, injure or remove any tomb, monument, gravestone, marker, or other structure, or any portion or fragment thereof, placed or designed for a memorial of the dead, or any fence, railing, gate, curb, or plot delineator or other enclosure for the burial of the dead.

(b) Purposely or knowingly disturb the contents of any tomb or grave in any cemetery or burial ground.

II. The governing board of the municipality in which the burial plot lies shall not grant approval for the removal or disturbance of a tomb, monument, gravestone, marker, or plot delineator without first giving 30 days' notice, along with a report of the full circumstances, to the division of historical resources, that such approval has been requested. The governing board of the municipality shall maintain a record of the date, circumstances, and disposition of the request for removal or disturbance.

**Source.** 1987, 107:1, eff. May 6, 1987.