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## ***Gujarat Anatomy Rules, 2013***

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**No. MIS/03/102003/5522/J.** - In exercise of power conferred by Section 14 of the Gujarat Anatomy Act, 2011 (Gujarat 10 of 2011), the Government of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules to provide for the supply of unclaimed bodies of deceased persons and for donation by a person of his body after his death to the hospitals and medical teaching institutions for therapeutic purposes or for the purpose of medical education or research including anatomical examination and dissection, namely:-

**1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called the Gujarat Anatomy Rules, 2013.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.

**2. Definitions.** - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "Act" means the Gujarat Anatomy Act, 2011;

(b) "Form" means a form annexed to these Rules;

(c) "registered medical practitioners" means allopathic doctors with M.B.B.S. or equivalent degree as referred in the Medical Council Act 1956;

(d) "Section" means a section of the Act.

(e) Words and expression used and not defined in these rules, but defined in the Act, shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.

**3. Approved Institutions/Colleges.** - (1) All the recognized Medical and Dental Colleges shall be the "approved institutes" for receiving and embalming of dead bodies (unclaimed or donated) for the purpose of anatomical dissection and teaching. The status of "approved" shall automatically discontinue, when the same is de-recognized by regulatory or competent authority.

(2) Other Paramedical institutions or Colleges as referred to in Gujarat Professional Medical Educational colleges or Institutions (Regulations of Admission and Fixation of Fees) Act, 2007 which conduct the professional courses such as Physiotherapy, Aryurveda, Homeopathy, Nursing, Optometry etc. are authorized to conduct only anatomical examination and dissection for teaching purpose and shall not collect embalmed dead bodies from the approved institutions.

**4. Duty of Police and Authorized Officers.** - (1) Police officer and employees of Police Department, Medical and Public Health Department, all officers and employees in the services of the local authority and village officers and employees who come to know of the death of any person in any public place in any area in which he had no permanent place of residence, shall report the fact to the authorized officer with the least practicable delay.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the responsibility for immediate reporting the fact to the authorized officer shall be that of the officer-in-charge of the Police Station having jurisdiction of the area and the village headman of the area concerned. The In-charge of the Police Station concerned shall be responsible for arranging immediate removal of the dead bodies to the hospital for preservation from decay in the following manner,-

(a) If any such person dies in hospital or in prison the authority in-charge of such hospital or prison shall immediately report the fact to the nearest relative mentioned in the record of the patient or prisoner. If the said relative does not claim the body within-

(i) 24 hours, if the relative resides inside the district;

(ii) 48 hours, if the relative resides outside the district but within the State;

(iii) 72 hours, if the relative resides outside the State;

(iv) 120 hours, if the relative resides outside the territory of India.

(v) If there is no record of relatives of the dead, the authority in-charge may take appropriate decision after 48 hours of the death,