

Report of National Commission of Fine Arts on construction plans, etc.

River, on the south by the Potomac River to the Rock Creek Parkway.

SEC. 2. In order to promote the general welfare and to preserve and protect the places and areas of historic interest, exterior architectural features and examples of the type of architecture used in the National Capital in its initial years, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, before issuing any permit for the construction, alteration, reconstruction, or razing of any building within said Georgetown district described in section 1 shall refer the plans to the National Commission of Fine Arts for a report as to the exterior architectural features, height, appearance, color, and texture of the materials of exterior construction which is subject to public view from a public highway. The National Commission of Fine Arts shall report promptly to said Commissioners of the District of Columbia its recommendations, including such changes, if any, as in the judgment of the Commission are necessary and desirable to preserve the historic value of said Georgetown district. The said Commissioners shall take such actions as in their judgment are right and proper in the circumstances: *Provided*, That, if the said Commission of Fine Arts fails to submit a report on such plans within forty-five days, its approval thereof shall be assumed and a permit may be issued.

Committee of architects.

SEC. 3. In carrying out the purpose of this Act, the Commission of Fine Arts is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three architects, who shall serve as a board of review without expense to the United States and who shall advise the Commission of Fine Arts, in writing, regarding designs and plans referred to it.

Survey.

SEC. 4. Said Commissioners of the District of Columbia, with the aid of the National Park Service and of the National Park and Planning Commission, shall make a survey of the "Old Georgetown" area for the use of the Commission of Fine Arts and of the building permit office of the District of Columbia, such survey to be made at a cost not exceeding \$8,000, which amount is hereby authorized.

SEC. 5. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as superseding or affecting in any manner any Act of Congress heretofore enacted relating to the alteration, repair, or demolition of insanitary or unsafe dwellings or other structures.

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[CHAPTER 985]

AN ACT

September 22, 1950  
[H. R. 7881]  
[Public Law 809]

To amend sections 675 and 676 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, regulating the disposal of dead human bodies in the District of Columbia.

D. C. Code, amendments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That sections 675, 675 (a), and 676 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1296), as amended, are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

58 Stat. 809.  
D. C. Code, Sup.  
VII, §§ 27-118, 27-118a,  
27-119.

"SECS. 675 and 676. It shall be unlawful to remove, transport, inter, disinter, or otherwise dispose of the dead body, or any part thereof, of any human being, except upon a permit, duly issued by the Health Officer of the District of Columbia, or such other person or persons as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall designate, upon such terms and conditions as the Commissioners may specify. Any violation hereof shall be subject to the penalties contained in section 684 of this subchapter."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect sixty days after enactment.

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31 Stat. 1296.  
D. C. Code § 27-126.  
Effective date.