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Under **M.G.L. c. 114, § 45**, the law is very explicit:

- A body **cannot be buried, cremated, or moved** without a permit issued by the local board of health or its agent

M.G.L. c. 114, § 47 – Safe location & Oversight

- Cemeteries and crematories **must receive the permit before proceeding**
- They must keep records of where and when the body is buried or cremated

M.G.L. c. 111, § 31 – Local Board of Health authority

- Gives Springfield Department of Health & Human Services power to:
 - Make regulations to **protect public health**
 - Control burial practices if needed

M.G.L. c. 114, § 52

- This section allows Springfield department of Health & Human Services to **set fees related to burial permits and related services**

M.G.L. c. 114, § 9–10 Cemetery regulation

- Governs **establishment and maintenance of cemeteries**
- Requires proper approval for burial grounds

M.G.L. c. 114, § 12 – Removal of bodies

- Regulates **disinterment (removing a body after burial)**
- Requires proper authorization before remains can be moved

M.G.L. c. 114, § 50 – Transportation of bodies

- Covers how human remains can be **transported within or across jurisdictions**
- Requires compliance with health regulations

M.G.L. c. 114, § 48 – Cremation requirements

- Requires:
 - Proper identification of the body
 - Authorization before cremation
- Prevents mistakes or unlawful cremations

M.G.L. c. 114, § 49 – Penalties

- Establishes **finest or penalties** for violating burial laws

M.G.L. c. 111, § 143 – Nuisances / public health hazards

- Allows authorities to act if something becomes a **threat to public health**
- Can apply to improper burial situations