

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2432

By: Thomas of the House

and

Mickle of the Senate

An Act relating to cemeteries and burials;
prohibiting burials within certain distance of
property boundaries, dwellings, and water wells;
setting forth certain penalties; providing for
disinterment; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 401 of Title 8, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In order to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare
of the citizens of this state, the interment, entombment, or burial
of the remains of a deceased person, other than in a cemetery
permitted pursuant to law, shall be prohibited within one hundred
(100) feet of a property or boundary line, and within three hundred
(300) feet of the nearest residence or dwelling. In addition, such
interments, entombments, or burials shall be prohibited within three
hundred (300) feet of a water well used for human consumption.

B. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, if convicted, be fined not
less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars
(\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than six (6) months, or both such
fine and imprisonment. In addition, the remains of the deceased
person shall be disinterred and the remains shall be interred,
entombed, or buried in accordance with this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of March, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

President of the Senate