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Laura's law increases the criminal penalties for interfering with a body or scene of death with intent to conceal the body, conceal evidence, or otherwise mislead the coroner or medical examiner. The maximum penalty is raised from a gross misdemeanor to a ten-year felony. In addition, the bill provides that a defendant, who is convicted of concealing a body, shall pay restitution to law enforcement for costs associated in locating the body.