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CHAPTER 24. Crimes Related to Places of Worship and Graves

Article 188. (Profaning Places of Worship; Interference with Religious Service)

- (1) A person who in public profanes a shrine, temple, cemetery or any other place of worship shall be punished by imprisonment with or without work for not more than 6 months or a fine of not more than 100,000 yen.
- (2) A person who interferes with a sermon, worship or a funeral service shall be punished by imprisonment with or without work for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than 100,000 yen.

Article 189. (Excavation of Graves)

A person who excavates a grave shall be punished by imprisonment with work for not more than 2 years.

Article 190. (Destruction of Corpses)

A person who damages, abandons or unlawfully possesses a corpse, the ashes or hair of a dead person, or an object placed in a coffin shall be punished by imprisonment with work for not more than 3 years.

Article 191. (Excavation of Graves and Damage of Corpses)

A person who commits the crime proscribed under Article 189 and damages, abandons or unlawfully possesses a corpse, the ashes or hairs of a dead person, or an

object placed in a coffin shall be punished by imprisonment with work for not less than 3 months but not more than 5 years.

Article 192. (Secret Burial of Persons Dying from an Unnatural Death)

A person who, without a postmortem examination, buries a person who died an unnatural death shall be punished by a fine of not more than 100,000 yen or a petty fine.