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§5–508.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Authorizing agent” means the individual who has legal authority to arrange for and make decisions regarding the final disposition of a dead human body, including by cremation.
- (c) “Cremation” means the disposition of a dead human body by means of incineration.
- (d) “Crematory” is a building in which cremations are performed.
- (e) “Decedent” means a dead human being.
- (f) “Practitioner” means a person who is licensed by the State as a funeral director, mortician, or surviving spouse licensee to practice mortuary science.
- (g) “Pre-need contract” means an agreement prior to the time of death between a consumer and a practitioner to provide any goods and services regarding the final disposition of a dead human body.

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