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BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 152
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “to” insert “contract with an academic institution or research consultant or firm to”; and in line 5, strike “environmental and public health impacts of”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 11, after “shall” insert “contract with an academic institution or research consultant or firm to”; in line 12, strike “impacts of”; and in the same line, strike “on the environment and public health of” and substitute “in”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “examine” in line 14 on page 1 down through “study” in line 7 on page 2 and substitute “;”

(1) include a survey of all existing regulations and permitting and licensing requirements of services and practices related to deathcare and the funeral industry, including:

- (i) embalming;
- (ii) cremation;
- (iii) alkaline hydrolysis or water cremation;
- (iv) natural organic reduction;
- (v) casket and vault burial;

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- (vi) grave liner burial;
- (vii) casket only burial;
- (viii) mausoleum burial; and
- (ix) natural or green burial;

(2) identify known or potential emissions, effluents, contaminants, or pollutants associated with the services and practices related to deathcare and the funeral industry identified in item (1) of this subsection, and identify any known or potential impacts on the air, soil land use, groundwater, and surface water of the State; and

(3) examine the human biology and public health impacts associated with the services and practices related to deathcare and the funeral industry identified in item (1) of this subsection.

(c) (1) The Department of the Environment shall issue a request for proposals to select the academic institution or research consultant or firm that will conduct the study.

(2) The request for proposals shall include criteria for selection, including a requirement to have:

(i) familiarity with research and industry standards related to the practice of deathcare and mortuary science; and

(ii) an academic background or experience studying the impact of sources of emissions, effluents, and contamination on respiratory disease, public health, and applied environmental health”; in line 8, after “(d)” insert “(1) On or before September 1, 2024, the Department of the Environment shall provide a preliminary

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report on the request for proposal, scope of the study, consultants selected, and methods that will be used to conduct the study required under this section to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

(2)”;

in the same line, strike “October” and substitute “September”; strike beginning with “Governor” in line 9 down through “Assembly” in line 10 and substitute “Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article”; after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the academic institution or research consultant or firm selected to conduct the study under Section 1 of this Act have substantial and demonstrated experience conducting research and drafting reports that inform policymakers and industry practices associated with water, air, and land use regulations and environmental safety.”;

in line 11, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in the same line, strike “July” and substitute “June”.