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By: **Delegates Branch and C. Davis**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Funeral Directors - Cemeterians - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a funeral director or a cemeterian from prohibiting
4 certain persons from viewing the lowering of a casket into the burial site; and
5 generally relating to funeral directors and cemeterians.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Business Regulation

8 Section 5-903.1

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Health Occupations

13 Section 7-506

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Business Regulation**

19 5-903.1.

20 A CEMETERIAN MAY NOT PROHIBIT FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS OF THE
21 DECEASED WHO IS BEING BURIED AT THE CEMETERY FROM VIEWING THE
22 LOWERING OF THE CASKET INTO THE BURIAL SITE.

Article - Health Occupations

2 7-506.

3 A FUNERAL DIRECTOR MAY NOT PROHIBIT FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS OF
4 THE DECEASED WHO IS BEING BURIED AT A CEMETERY FROM VIEWING THE
5 LOWERING OF THE CASKET INTO THE BURIAL SITE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 1998.