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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crematory Operators - Transporting Bodies**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing crematory operators to transport a dead human body for
4 the sole purpose of conducting a cremation; providing that the transport of a
5 body by a crematory operator does not constitute the practice of mortuary
6 science; and generally relating to the transportation of dead human bodies by
7 crematory operators.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 5-504
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Health Occupations
15 Section 7-101(q)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 5-504.

22 (A) A person may not transport a body to a crematory without using a cot and
23 pouch or receptacle.

24 (B) A CREMATORY OPERATOR MAY TRANSPORT A BODY SOLELY FOR THE
25 PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A CREMATION.

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Article - Health Occupations

2 7-101.

3 (q) (1) "Practice mortuary science" means:

4 (i) To operate a funeral establishment;

5 (ii) For compensation, to prepare a dead human body for
6 disposition, including disinfecting or preserving a dead human body or any of its parts
7 by arterial or cavity injection; or8 (iii) For compensation, to arrange for or make final disposition of a
9 dead human body.10 (2) "Practice mortuary science" does not include the pickup, removal, or
11 transportation of a dead human body, if the unlicensed individual is:12 (I) [acting] ACTING under the direction of a licensed mortician or
13 funeral director; OR14 (II) A CREMATORY OPERATOR ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
15 5-504 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1998.