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By: **Chairman, Finance Committee (Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cemeteries - Renewal of Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Office of Cemetery Oversight to renew permits  
4 issued to certain persons who wish to operate cemeteries or sell burial goods;  
5 and generally relating to certain cemetery permits.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Business Regulation  
8 Section 5-101(a), (i), and (l)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Business Regulation  
13 Section 5-307  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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 5-101.

20 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (i) "Permit" means a permit issued by the Director to allow a partnership,  
22 limited liability company, or corporation to operate a business through which a  
23 registrant may engage in the operation of a cemetery or provide burial goods.

24 (l) "Registration" means a registration issued by the Director authorizing an  
25 individual to operate a cemetery or to provide burial goods.

1 5-307.

2 (a) Unless a registration OR PERMIT is renewed as provided in this section, the  
3 registration OR PERMIT expires on the second anniversary of its effective date.

4 (b) At least 90 days before a [license] REGISTRATION OR PERMIT expires, the  
5 Director shall mail to the registrant OR PERMIT HOLDER, at the last known address of  
6 the registrant OR PERMIT HOLDER:

7 (1) a renewal application form; and

8 (2) a notice that states:

9 (i) the date on which the current registration OR PERMIT expires;

10 (ii) the date by which the Director must receive the renewal  
11 application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the registration OR PERMIT  
12 expires; and

13 (iii) the amount of the renewal fee.

14 (c) Before a registration OR PERMIT expires, the registrant OR PERMIT  
15 HOLDER periodically may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the registrant OR  
16 PERMIT HOLDER:

17 (1) is otherwise entitled to be registered OR TO RECEIVE A PERMIT;

18 (2) meets the qualifications set forth for an original registration OR  
19 PERMIT;

20 (3) pays the renewal fee set by the Director; and

21 (4) submits to the Director a renewal application on the form that the  
22 Director provides.

23 (d) The Director shall renew the registration OR PERMIT of each registrant OR  
24 PERMIT HOLDER who meets the requirements of this section.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
26 effect October 1, 1999.