

May 22, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 282 – *Office of Cemetery Oversight – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation*.

This bill continues the Office of Cemetery Oversight in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Office; exempts private family cemeteries that do not conduct public sales from specified permitting and registration, perpetual care, and preneed contract requirements of the Maryland Cemetery Act; and adds a representative from a crematory to the Advisory Council on Cemetery Operations.

House Bill 394, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 282.

Sincerely,

Governor