

Chapter 17

(Senate Bill 148)

AN ACT concerning

Office of Cemetery Oversight – Preneed Burial Contracts – Report Submission Requirement

FOR the purpose of altering the time period within which a certain seller of preneed goods or preneed services is required to submit a certain report regarding preneed burial contracts and preneed trust accounts to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight; and generally relating to preneed burial contracts and the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–710(a) and (b)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–710(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation

5–710.

(a) (1) Each seller shall keep detailed records of all preneed burial contracts and specific funds.

(2) The records of each seller and of each trustee appointed by the seller are subject to examination by:

(i) the Director;

(ii) the Attorney General or an authorized representative of the Attorney General; and

(iii) the State’s Attorney for the county where the seller does business.

(b) (1) Each seller subject to the trust requirements of this subtitle shall submit a report to the Director within [120] ~~180~~ 150 days after the close of each calendar or other fiscal year chosen by the seller.

(2) The report shall:

(i) be on the form that the Director requires;

(ii) be certified by a certified public accountant retained by the seller;

(iii) be accompanied by a trustee's annual summary statement of assets from the trustee for the reporting period which includes:

1. the amount of money in the preneed trust fund at the beginning of the reporting period;

2. an investment portfolio summary describing the asset and the market value for each investment class;

3. a transaction summary of the preneed trust fund containing:

A. trust account earnings;

B. money deposited;

C. total receipts;

D. administrative expenses;

E. withdrawals from the trust account for canceled contracts;

F. withdrawals from the trust account for delivery of merchandise for use or storage, and for services performed, including the principal and earnings;

G. other disbursements; and

H. total disbursements; and

4. the amount of money in the preneed trust fund at the end of the reporting period;

(iv) be accompanied by a fee of \$25; and

(v) include:

1. the name of the seller;
2. each location of the seller;
3. the amount of money that the seller received during that year that is subject to the trust requirements of this subtitle;
4. the amount of money actually deposited into trust accounts in that year;
5. the amount of money required to be disbursed from the trust accounts in that year;
6. the amount of money actually disbursed from the trust accounts in that year; and
7. the name and address of the trustee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.