

**HB1168/863522/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1168  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Woods**” and substitute “**Woods, Bagnall, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kerr, R. Lewis, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melyk, Rosenberg, Taveras, and White Holland**”; in line 7, after the first “the” insert “**Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight and the**”.

On page 2, in line 9, strike “and”; in the same line, after “(v–2)” insert “, and (v–3)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, in line 13, strike “**LICENSED FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR**”; in line 16, strike “**IS PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM USING**” and substitute “**WHO USES**”; in the same line, strike “**DISPOSING**” and substitute “**DISPOSES**”; and in the same line, strike “**UNDER**” and substitute “**IS IN VIOLATION OF**”.

On page 14 in line 31, on page 15 in lines 1 and 19, and on page 26 in lines 6, 10, and 28, in each instance, strike “**LICENSED FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR**”.

On page 15, in line 24, after “**AUTHORIZED**” insert “**BY THE CEMETERY OR OWNER**”.

On page 16, in line 21, after “**NATURAL**” insert “**ORGANIC**”.

On page 21, in line 4, after “**OWNERS**” insert “**OF PUBLIC RECORD**”; and in lines 7, 9, and 10, in each instance, after “**SOIL**” insert “**REMAINS**”.

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On page 22, strike beginning with “means” in line 3 down through “REDUCTION” in line 5 and substitute “HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-508 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE”.

On page 23, after line 24, insert:

**“(V-3) “SOIL REMAINS” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-101 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.”.**

On page 25, in line 3, strike “and”; in line 4, after “safety” insert “; **AND**”

**(III) MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 5-204(A)(3) OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE**;

in line 30, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike the first comma; and strike beginning with “, **OR**” in line 30 down through “**FACILITY**” in line 31.

On page 27, strike beginning with the second “**OR**” in line 5 down through “**REMAINS**” in line 6; in lines 7 and 8, strike “, **REDUCTION FACILITY,**”; in line 9, strike “, **REDUCTION FACILITY,**”; in lines 12, 13, 15, and 17, in each instance, strike the first comma and substitute “**OR**”; in line 12, strike “, **OR PORTION OF SOIL REMAINS**”; strike beginning with “, **OR**” in line 13 down through “**REMAINS**” in line 14; in line 14, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “, **OR**” in line 15 down through “**REMAINS**” in line 16; strike beginning with “, **OR**” in line 17 down through “**AND**” in line 18 and substitute a period; after line 18, insert:

**“(7) IF A VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT TAKE POSSESSION OF A PORTION OF UNCLAIMED SOIL REMAINS UNDER PARAGRAPH (5)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT QUALIFIES FOR A PLOT IN A STATE VETERAN’S CEMETERY UNDER § 9-906 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE WITHIN 10**

DAYS AFTER THE REDUCTION FACILITY RECEIVES THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE REDUCTION FACILITY SHALL:

(I) NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE STATUS OF THE SOIL REMAINS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION OF THE PORTION OF SOIL REMAINS;

(II) TRANSFER THE PORTION OF SOIL REMAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION OF THE PORTION OF THE SOIL REMAINS; AND”;

and in line 19, after “AUTHORIZED” insert “BY THE CEMETERY OR OWNER”.