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Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors

**2020 SESSION
POSITION PAPER**

BILL NO: SB 84

COMMITTEE: Education, Health & Environmental Affairs

POSITION: Support with Amendments

TITLE: Funeral Establishments and Crematories – Unclaimed Cremains of Veterans Notification, Disposition, and Reporting

BILL ANALYSIS: If a veteran’s service organization does not take possession of unclaimed cremains that qualify for inurnment in a plot at a State veterans’ cemetery within ten (10) days after the funeral establishment or permit holder receives the required notification, the funeral establishment or permit holder must notify the Department of Veterans Affairs of the status of the cremains and transfer the cremains to the Department of Veterans Affairs for disposition.

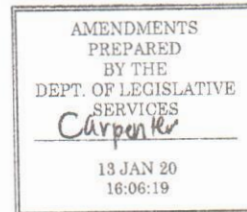
POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors supports SB 84 with amendments. The Board supports the two (2) amendments proposed by Senator Simonaire (SB0084/943425/1, attached) regarding the reporting language in Section 2 of the bill. The Board determined that amendments to SB 84 that remove the responsibilities for data collection and enforcement would also mitigate any negative or direct impact to the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors. In further consideration of SB 84 with these amendments, the Board found that there is no fiscal impact to the Board’s operations, functions or duties.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony. The Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors respectfully requests a favorable report on SB 84, with amendments. If you require additional information, please contact Christy Collins, Executive Director at (410) 764-4714.

The opinion of the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors expressed in this document does not necessarily reflect that of the Department of Health or the Administration.



SB0084/943425/1



BY: Senator Simonaire
(To be offered in the Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 84
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 10 down through "dates;" in line 12.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 13 through 28, inclusive; and in line 29, strike "3." and substitute "2".