## **HB1354**

Business Regulation - Cemeteries - Requirements for Sale or Transfer or Government Acquisition

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Dear Economic Matters Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

Cemeteries are sacred and while sadly we live in a world where sometimes our sacred spaces are not treated properly; however, we as human beings should remain respectful of all sacred spaces including and certainly not limited to cemeteries.

HB1354 allows for an organized process for sale, transfer or government acquisition of a cemetery and for that cemetery to remain the sacred safely protected space.

The one thing constant in life is change. Just because an owner changes does not mean that a burial ground needs to change. This legislation seeks to protect the space and allow the souls buried in the space to not be disturbed. On the odd occasion when a burial ground needs to be moved this process seeks to establish a mechanism by which that move will happen while ensuring respect and dignity in the exhumation, transfer and reburial process.

I ask for your committee's favorable support for HB1354 Business Regulation - Cemeteries - Requirements for Sale or Transfer or Government Acquisition. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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