
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LETTER OF INFORMATION ON SB 233

TO: House Economic Matters Committee
FROM: Maryland Department of Labor
DATE: 04/01/2026
Re: SB 233 Business Regulation-Cemeteries-Actions for Sale, Transfer, or Alternate Use

The Office of Cemetery Oversight (OCO), within the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, provides the following information regarding SB 233 as amended.

SB 233 would authorize certain persons to bring an action when the owner of property that includes a cemetery proposes the sale, transfer, or alternate use of all or part of the cemetery in a manner that does not conform with continued cemetery operations.

The bill is intended to provide additional protections for cemetery properties by establishing a process to review proposed sales, transfers, or alternate uses. As amended, SB 233 also includes a provision that requires the OCO to approve the sale or transfer of cemeteries. The OCO anticipates significant operational concerns as indicated in the fiscal note. The OCO does not possess the expertise nor capacity to perform the review and determination process outlined under this bill. To that end, the OCO would require one full-time administrative specialist, one full-time investigator, and additional contractual legal services for a total annual cost of \$158,237 in fiscal 2027, to process applications and implement other related requirements under the bill.

The Office of Cemetery Oversight respectfully submits this information for the Committee's consideration in its review of SB 233.

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