

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB303

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: O'Brien

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Cemetery Board; authorization for interment.

5. Summary/Purpose: Clarifies that the annual financial report that cemetery companies are required to provide the Cemetery Board for a perpetual care trust fund or preneed trust account be provided on forms prescribed by the Board. The bill also: (i) authorizes a cemetery to accept the notarized signature of one next of kin of a decedent for the purpose of authorizing the interment or entombment of the deceased or the erection of a memorial or marker unless the cemetery has written notice of a dispute among the next of kin; (ii) authorizes the Board to regulate and establish qualifications for compliance agents; and (iii) provides for the cemetery to withhold services until the parties have reached mutual agreement or a court has entered an order adjudicating the issue. In addition, the bill requires the Cemetery Board to promulgate regulations within 280 days of the effective date of the act.

6. Fiscal Impact: The bill would have no fiscal impact on either the Cemetery Board or the Department of Occupational and Professional Regulation.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: None.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Cemetery Board, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade