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HOUSE BILL NO. 1659

House Amendments in [] - January 27, 2011

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2818.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to identification prior to cremation.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Alexander

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2818.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2818.1. Prerequisites for cremation.

No dead human body shall be cremated without permission of the medical examiner as required by § 32.1-284 and visual identification of the deceased by the next-of-kin or his representative, who may be any person designated to make arrangements for the decedent's burial or the disposition of his remains pursuant to § 54.1-2825 or, an agent named in an advance directive pursuant to § 54.1-2984, or a sheriff [, upon court order,] if no next-of-kin, designated person or agent is available. When visual identification is not feasible, other positive identification of the deceased may be used as a prerequisite for cremation.

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