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HOUSE BILL NO. 2149

Offered January 16, 1997

A BILL to authorize the sale of certain cemeteries by the City of Richmond; study in conjunction with Department of Historic Resources of city cemeteries.

Patron—Hall

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, the City of Richmond may sell all or any portion of Maury, Mt. Olivet, Oakwood, Riverview and Shockoe cemeteries, but only after adequate provisions are made in any such contract of sale for (i) the perpetual care of such cemetery or portion thereof and all graves and entombment rights therein and (ii) the burial of indigent persons. The City of Richmond shall publish notice of any such sale in any newspaper of general circulation in the city.*

§ 2. *That the Department of Historic Resources, in conjunction with the City of Richmond, is requested to study the maintenance and upkeep of the city's cemeteries; to identify the number of grave sites in each city-owned cemetery in need of restoration; and to quantify the funds required for such maintenance, upkeep, and restoration. The study shall also identify the location and number of historic graves, including, but not limited to those of Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers and those which may be eligible for funds pursuant to § 10.1-2211. The Department shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.*

2. That the provisions of § 1 of this act shall become effective on July 1, 1998.

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