

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2014 SESSION

CHAPTER 500

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2312.01, relating to the Cemetery Board; powers and duties.

[H 588]

Approved April 3, 2014

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2312.01 as follows:

§ 54.1-2312.01. *Special interments; definitions; regulations by Board.*

A. A cemetery company may have a section in the cemetery devoted to the interment of human remains and the pets of such deceased humans, provided:

1. The section of the cemetery property dedicated for this purpose is segregated entirely from the remainder of the cemetery devoted to the interment of human remains;

2. No pet is interred in the same grave, crypt, or niche as the remains of a human; and

3. The section of the cemetery is clearly marked and advertised as such by the cemetery company.

B. A cemetery company may have a section in the cemetery devoted to the interment of pets, provided:

1. The section of the cemetery property dedicated for this purpose is segregated entirely from the remainder of the cemetery devoted to the interment of human remains; and

2. The section of the cemetery is clearly marked and advertised as such by the cemetery company.

C. As used in the section, "pet" means the same as that term is defined in § 57-39.20.

D. The Board shall adopt such regulations as the Board deems appropriate and necessary to implement the provisions of this section. Regulations of the Board shall be in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).