

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB588

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** O'Quinn, I. D.

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Cemetery Board; powers and duties; special interments.

**5. Summary:** Provides that a cemetery company may have a section in the cemetery devoted to the interment of human remains and those of their companion animals or the interment of companion animals only under certain circumstances. The bill requires the Cemetery Board to adopt such regulations as the Board deems appropriate and necessary to implement its provisions. The bill defines companion animal.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8, below.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$0	0.0	n/a
2015	\$1,700	0.0	Dedicated Special Revenue
2016	\$0	0.0	n/a
2017	\$0	0.0	n/a
2018	\$0	0.0	n/a
2019	\$0	0.0	n/a
2020	\$0	0.0	n/a

**7b. Revenue Impact:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill increases the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) by requiring the Cemetery Board to adopt regulations to implement the new provisions regarding interment of companion animals. This will require two additional board meetings at a one-time cost of approximately \$1,400, in FY 2015. This will also require three mailings to all licensed cemetery companies at a onetime cost of approximately \$300, in FY 2015. The Board currently regulates about 104 cemetery companies. No other additional costs are expected as a result of this legislation. The Board's current cash and revenue is sufficient to cover the increased costs associated with this legislation. Also, the additional costs can be absorbed within the agency's existing appropriation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.