

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 pets or the interment of pets 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 "pet."

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 pets. 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.