

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5888

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
State & Local Government, March 1, 1999

Title: An act relating to historic cemeteries.

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to historic cemeteries.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser and Winsley; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 2/22/99, 3/1/99 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Hale, Horn, Kline and McCaslin.

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: Historic graves are those graves that were placed outside a cemetery prior to June 7, 1990.

If an historic grave is inadvertently disturbed, the person who did so must re-inter the human remains under the supervision of the Cemetery Board. The expenses for the re-interment are provided by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Summary of Bill: The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation is responsible for supervision of the re-interment of the human remains in an inadvertently disturbed historic grave. The office provides the expenses to re-inter to the extent that such funds are appropriated by the Legislature.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The public is confused about financial responsibility. This bill will help clarify that. It will help encourage the reporting of accidental disturbances of historic graves.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Jean Ameluxen, CTED; Allyson Brooks, OAHP.