
HOUSE BILL 2740

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1 AN ACT Relating to private cemeteries; and amending RCW 68.20.010,
2 68.20.020, and 68.20.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.20.010 and 1943 c 247 s 42 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 It is unlawful for any corporation, copartnership, firm, trust,
7 association, or individual to engage in or transact any of the
8 businesses of a cemetery within this state except by means of a
9 corporation or a limited liability company duly organized for that
10 purpose.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 68.20.020 and 1983 c 3 s 167 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Any private corporation authorized by its articles or limited
14 liability company authorized by its certificate of formation so to
15 do((7)) may establish, maintain, manage, improve, or operate a
16 cemetery, and conduct any or all of the businesses of a cemetery,
17 either for or without profit to its members or stockholders. A
18 nonprofit cemetery corporation may be organized in the manner provided

1 in chapter 24.03 RCW. A profit corporation may be organized in the
2 manner provided in the general corporation laws of the state of
3 Washington or in the manner provided in chapter 25.15 RCW.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 68.20.050 and 1943 c 247 s 59 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Unless otherwise limited by the law under which created(~~(+)~~),
7 cemetery authorities shall in the conduct of their business have the
8 same powers granted by law to corporations and limited liability
9 companies in general, including the right to contract such pecuniary
10 obligations within the limitation of general law as may be required,
11 and may secure them by mortgage, deed of trust, or otherwise upon their
12 property.

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