

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5261

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning cemetery authority permit, license, or endorsement deadlines.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senator Braun).

Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business

Background: Licenses and endorsements, in some cases, are required for cemeteries and prearrangement sales. Certificates of authority are required for a cemetery authority to make an interment.

Certain people are designated by statute to direct the type, place, and method of disposition of human remains. People who are not designated must have a permit to bury or scatter human remains by land, air, or sea or perform any other disposition of human remains outside of a cemetery.

These licenses, endorsements, certificates, and permits expire on January 31st of each year.

Cemetery authority means an entity that has obtained a certificate of authority to operate a cemetery from the Funeral and Cemetery Board, or any other entity that operates a cemetery that is not under the jurisdiction of the board.

Prearrangement funeral service contract is any contract under which, for a specified consideration, a funeral establishment promises, upon the death of the person named or implied in the contract, to furnish funeral merchandise or services.

Summary: The licenses, endorsements, certificates, and permits related to cemeteries, prearrangement certificates, and burial or scattering of human remains expire on March 31st of each year.

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	96	0

Effective: October 31, 2023