

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 887 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, DUSH, BROWN, KEARNEY AND COMITTA,
AUGUST 23, 2023

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 23, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 9 (Burial Grounds) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of cemetery companies,
3 further providing for initial deposits by newly-organized
4 cemetery companies and for registration and filing affidavit
5 of compliance.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 301(b) and 304(a)(2) of Title 9 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 301. Initial deposits by newly-organized cemetery companies.

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12 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) of this
13 section shall not apply to any [bona fide church or religious
14 congregation or any association created by any such bona fide
15 church or religious congregation.] of the following:

16 (1) A bona fide church or religious congregation.

17 (2) An association created by a bona fide church or
18 religious congregation.

19 (3) A municipality.

1 § 304. Registration and filing affidavit of compliance.

2 (a) Registration with State Real Estate Commission.--

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4 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to
5 cemetery companies and cemeteries owned or controlled by [a
6 bona fide church or religious congregation or fraternal
7 organization or by any association created by a bona fide
8 church or religious congregation or fraternal organization.]
9 any of the following:

10 (i) A bona fide church or religious congregation.

11 (ii) A fraternal organization.

12 (iii) An association created by a bona fide church,
13 religious congregation or fraternal organization.

14 (iv) A municipality.

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16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.