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2 Introduced by Representative Ancel of Calais

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; cemeteries; burial depth

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the
7 required minimum burial depth in cemeteries to three and one-half feet for
8 both children and adults.

9 An act relating to burial depth in cemeteries

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5319(b) is amended to read:

12 (b)(1) Interment of any human body in the earth shall not be made unless
13 the distance from the bottom of the outside coffin or body shall be at least five
14 three and one-half feet below the natural surface of the ground, ~~excepting only~~
15 ~~infants under four years of age, whose bodies shall be so interred that the~~
16 ~~bottom of the outside coffin enclosing them shall be at least three and one-half~~
17 ~~feet below the natural surface of the ground or if buried without a coffin shall~~
18 ~~be so interred that the bottom of the body shall be at least five feet below the~~
19 ~~natural surface of the ground.~~

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.