

1 H.661

2 Introduced by Representative Moran of Wardsboro

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; deaths, burials, autopsies; exhumation requirements and
6 notice

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to strengthen the
8 notice requirements an individual must follow before exhuming a dead body.

9 An act relating to exhumation requirements and notice

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

11 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5212 is amended to read:

12 § 5212. PERMIT TO REMOVE DEAD BODIES; NOTICE

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14 (b) An applicant for a removal permit shall publish notice of his or her
15 intent to remove the remains. This notice shall be published for two successive
16 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality in which the
17 body is interred or entombed. The notice shall include a statement that the
18 spouse, child, parent, sibling, or descendant of the deceased, or that the
19 ~~cemetery commissioner~~ Cemetery Commissioner or other municipal authority
20 responsible for cemeteries in the municipality may object to the proposed

1 removal by filing a complaint in the ~~probate division of the superior court~~
2 Probate Division of the Superior Court of the district in which the body is
3 located as provided in section 5212a of this title. In addition to the published
4 notice, an applicant for a removal permit shall attempt to notify directly any
5 spouse, child, parent, sibling, or descendant of the deceased to ensure that any
6 living relative of the deceased is aware of the applicant's desire to exhume the
7 deceased's body.

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9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.