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HOUSE BILL 1819

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By Representatives Jacks and Ross

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1            AN ACT Relating to the sale of memorial markers by cemetery  
2 districts; and amending RCW 68.52.190.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.52.190 and 1984 c 186 s 58 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) Cemetery districts created under this chapter (~~shall be~~) are  
7 deemed to be municipal corporations within the purview of the  
8 Constitution and laws of the state of Washington. They (~~shall~~)  
9 constitute bodies corporate and possess all the usual powers of  
10 corporations for public purposes. Except as provided in subsection (2)  
11 of this section, they (~~shall~~) have full authority to carry out the  
12 objects of their creation, and to that end are empowered to acquire,  
13 hold, lease, manage, occupy, and sell real and personal property or any  
14 interest therein; to enter into and perform any and all necessary  
15 contracts; to appoint and employ necessary officers, agents, and  
16 employees; to contract indebtedness, to borrow money, and to issue  
17 general obligation bonds in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW; to levy  
18 and enforce the collection of taxes against the lands within the

1 district, and to do any and all lawful acts to effectuate the purposes  
2 of this chapter.

3 (2) No cemetery district may sell monuments, headstones,  
4 tombstones, or any other memorial marker related to identifying a  
5 gravesite, when a private, for-profit retailer or wholesaler of these  
6 products is located within fifty miles of the boundary of the cemetery  
7 district.

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