

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5245

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled
"Occupational code,"
(MCL 339.101 to 339.2919) by adding section 1809b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1809B. (1) A PERSON LICENSED IN THE PRACTICE OF MORTUARY
2 SCIENCE MAY COMPILE A LIST OF NAMES OF THE UNCLAIMED CREMATED
3 REMAINS HELD IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION FOR 6 MONTHS OR MORE FOR THE
4 PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER 1 OR MORE OF THE DECEASED IS A
5 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES.

6 (2) THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR MAY RELEASE THE LIST OF NAMES TO ANY
7 FEDERALLY CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION TO CONFIRM WITH
8 THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION'S CENTRAL SCHEDULING OFFICE IN
9 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHETHER THE DECEASED IS ELIGIBLE FOR PROPER
10 DISPOSITION AT A VETERANS CEMETERY. THE VETERANS SERVICE
11 ORGANIZATION SHALL REPORT TO THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR REGARDING THE

1 NAMES OF THE CONFIRMED VETERANS OR SPOUSES OF VETERANS.

2 (3) IF THE UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS ARE DETERMINED TO BE
3 ELIGIBLE FOR PROPER DISPOSITION AT A VETERANS CEMETERY, THE FUNERAL
4 DIRECTOR SHALL SEND WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO MAKE A PROPER
5 DISPOSITION OF THE UNCLAIMED REMAINS AS DESCRIBED UNDER SECTION
6 1809A(1). IF THE UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS OF A CONFIRMED VETERAN
7 ARE NOT CLAIMED BY THE PERSONS TO WHOM THE NOTICE WAS SENT, THE
8 FUNERAL DIRECTOR MAY ARRANGE FOR THE PROPER DISPOSITION OF THE
9 REMAINS WITH A STATE OR NATIONAL VETERANS CEMETERY.

10 (4) A FUNERAL DIRECTOR COMPLYING WITH THIS SECTION IS IMMUNE
11 FROM CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY ARISING FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THIS
12 SECTION.

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect July 1,
14 2010.

15 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
16 unless House Bill No. 5246 of the 95th Legislature is enacted into
17 law.