

CHAPTER 765

(House Bill 906)

AN ACT concerning

Preneed Burial Contracts

FOR the purpose of defining various words and phrases; requiring a writing for certain contracts concerning the sale of goods and services for the disposition and commemoration of deceased persons; providing for the creation of a trust fund where performance of the contract is not required within a certain time before payment; enumerating guidelines for the administration and disbursement of such funds; providing penalties for the violation of the deposit requirements; and relating generally to contracts concerning the sale of goods and services for the disposition and commemoration of deceased persons.

BY adding to

Article 23 - Miscellaneous Companies

Section 165B to be under the new subheading "Preneed Burial Contracts"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1981 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 23 - Miscellaneous Companies

PRENEED BURIAL CONTRACTS

165B.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "PRENEED" MEANS ANY GOODS OR SERVICES PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE TIME OF DEATH.

(3) (I) "GOODS AND SERVICES" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, VAULTS, GRAVE LINERS, URNS, MEMORIALS, MONUMENTS, SCROLLS, VASES, OPENING AND CLOSING OF GRAVES, AND OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES SOLD IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERMENT, CREMATION, OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS.

(II) "GOODS AND SERVICES" DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERMENT SPACE, CEMETERY LOTS, OR GRAVE SITES.