

**CHAPTER 145**

**(Senate Bill 509)**

AN ACT concerning

**Morticians – Pre-need Contracts and Final Disposition of Human Remains – Regulation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed mortician or licensed funeral director under certain circumstances to execute pre-need contracts; establishing the right of an individual to make certain decisions as to the final disposition of the individual's body by executing a certain document in a certain manner or entering into a pre-need contract; establishing the order of priority for certain other persons to have the right to arrange for the final disposition of the body of a decedent when the decedent has not executed a certain document; requiring a mortician and certain other licensees to affix a certain identification tag to the body of the decedent or a certain container under certain circumstances; altering certain provisions of law related to certain disciplinary actions that may be taken by the State Board of Morticians against certain licensees under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to regulating the execution of pre-need contracts by certain licensees and the final disposition of human remains.

BY renumbering

Article – Health Occupations  
Section 7-101(n) through (r), respectively  
to be Section 7-101(o) through (s), respectively  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health Occupations  
Section 7-101(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations  
Section 7-101(n), 7-410, and 7-411  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations  
Section 7-316(a)(8) and (13) and (b) and 7-405(a), (b), and (f)(2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)