## 1997 LAWS OF MARYLAND

- (3) subject to the insolvency laws of the State;
- (4) to be inventoried in the estate of the owner; and
- (5) subject to inheritance taxes.
- [(e)](D) Subject to the rules of the cemetery owner and to the terms of any contract made with the cemetery owner, the interest of an owner of a burial lot or crypt:
- (1) may be disposed of during the lifetime of the owner of the burial lot or crypt with the consent of the cemetery owner;
  - (2) may be disposed of by specific reference in the will of the owner; and
- (3) otherwise passes to the heirs of the owner, as defined in § 1-101(f) of the Estates and Trusts Article.

5-504.

A certificate, under seal of a [cemetery corporation] REGISTERED CEMETERIAN OR PERMIT HOLDER, of ownership of a burial lot or crypt has the same effect as a conveyance of real property that is executed, acknowledged, and recorded as required by law.

5-602.

- (a) In this section, "developed land area" means land in a cemetery:
  - (1) that is available for burial;
  - (2) where roads, paths, or buildings have been laid out or built; or
- (3) where burial lots have been outlined on a plat or in a record or sales brochure.
- (b) (1) Each [cemetery owner] REGISTERED CEMETERIAN OR PERMIT HOLDER who sells or offers to sell to the public a burial lot or burial right in a cemetery as to which perpetual care is stated or implied shall have a perpetual care trust fund.
- (2) A separate PERPETUAL CARE trust fund shall be established for each cemetery to which this section applies.
- (c) Each [cemetery owner] REGISTERED CEMETERIAN OR PERMIT HOLDER initially shall deposit in the PERPETUAL CARE trust fund at least:
  - (1) \$10,000, if the developed land area of the cemetery is 10 acres or less; or
- (2) \$25,000, if the developed land area of the cemetery is more than 10 acres.
- (d) (1) The deposits required by this subsection are in addition to the deposits required by subsection (c) of this section.
- (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, within 30 days after the end of the month when the buyer of a burial lot, above-ground crypt, niche, or