

OF THE EARTH, INTO WHICH HUMAN REMAINS OR ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS ARE DEPOSITED AS A PART OF A DEATH RITE OR CEREMONY OF ANY CULTURE, RELIGION, OR GROUP.

(II) "BURIAL SITE" INCLUDES THE HUMAN REMAINS AND ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS THAT RESULT FROM A SHIPWRECK OR ACCIDENT AND ARE INTENTIONALLY LEFT TO REMAIN AT THE SITE.

(4) "PERMANENT CEMETERY" MEANS A CEMETERY THAT IS OWNED BY:

(I) A CEMETERY COMPANY REGULATED UNDER TITLE 5 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE;

(II) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION; OR

(III) THE STATE.

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT REMOVE OR ATTEMPT TO REMOVE HUMAN REMAINS OR ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM ANY BURIAL SITE IN THE STATE.

(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR NOT LESS THAN 5 OR MORE THAN 15 YEARS ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT IN THE PENITENTIARY FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR BOTH.

(C) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OF A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY MAY AUTHORIZE IN WRITING THE REMOVAL OF HUMAN REMAINS OR ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM ANY BURIAL SITE IN THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S JURISDICTION:

(1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF THE PERSON WHOSE REMAINS ARE TO BE REMOVED;

(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE HUMAN REMAINS WERE INTERRED ERRONEOUSLY;

(3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REBURIAL; OR

(4) FOR MEDICAL OR SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION OR STUDY, AS PERMITTED BY LAW.

(D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY SHALL REQUIRE A PERSON REQUESTING THE AUTHORIZATION TO PERMANENTLY RELOCATE HUMAN REMAINS OR ASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM A BURIAL SITE TO ALLOW ANOTHER PERMITTED USE IN THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S JURISDICTION TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN BALTIMORE CITY OR IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE BURIAL SITE IS LOCATED.

(2) THE NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR AT LEAST 3 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS ONE TIME.