

(2) A form that requires identification of individuals by race shall include instructions that multiracial respondents may select all applicable racial categories.

(3) (i) Respondents shall select their own answers, except when it is not possible for the respondent to do so.

(ii) In the event that a respondent is not able to select an answer, an observer, such as a family member or friend, may select the answer on behalf of the respondent.

(4) A form that requires identification of individuals by race shall include a separate question about whether a respondent is of Hispanic or Latino origin, with the question preceding the racial category question.

**Chapter 459 of the Acts of 1998, as amended by Chapter 91
of the Acts of 2000**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, the standards enacted under this Act shall be applicable to a data collection form that is created or revised after the effective date of this Act, and the standards shall be applicable to all data collection forms no later than January 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the standards shall be applicable to all data collection forms for:

(1) schools, school systems, and the State Department of Education no later than July 1, 2003; AND

(2) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION, NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2005 AND CONSISTENT WITH THE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 186

(House Bill 85)

AN ACT concerning

Office of Cemetery Oversight - Scope of Authority

FOR the purpose of exempting certain cemeteries from the registration and permitting requirements; clarifying who may be a registered cemeterian; clarifying the application process for registering with the Office of Cemetery