

Oversight; revising financial review procedures; authorizing the Office to impose certain penalties instead of or in addition to reprimanding a registrant or permit holder; altering the qualifications for a permit; exempting certain cemeteries from the perpetual care requirements; altering certain trust reporting requirements relating to perpetual care; requiring certain cemeteries created after a certain date to establish a perpetual care trust fund; providing for civil enforcement actions against unregistered businesses; specifying that certain interest and finance charges charged by a cemetery are subject to certain requirements; designating that a trustee of a preneed trust account may be a person who provides a certain bond; specifying that the records of each seller of preneed goods and preneed services are subject to examination by the Director of the Office; altering certain trust reporting requirements pertaining to preneed goods and services; requiring registrants and permit holders to provide each buyer or prospective buyer with a general price list; authorizing the Director to refer certain violations to certain persons; providing for the effective dates of this Act; making technical and clarifying changes; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to the operation of cemeteries and burial goods businesses in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 5-101, 5-102, 5-303, 5-304, 5-308, 5-309, 5-310, 5-403, 5-405, 5-601, 5-602, 5-605, 5-607, 5-608, 5-704, 5-706, 5-707, 5-710, 5-801, 5-901, 5-902, and 5-903

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation

Section 5-905

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

Article – Business Regulation

5-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) (1) “Burial goods” means goods that are used in connection with burial.
- (2) “Burial goods” includes:
 - (i) a casket;
 - (ii) a grave liner;