

By Senator Altman

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to cemeteries; amending s. 497.260,
3 F.S.; exempting from provisions governing cemeteries a
4 columbarium consisting of 5 acres or less and located
5 on the main campus of a university that is governed by
6 the Board of Governors; requiring a university or
7 direct-support organization that establishes the
8 columbarium to ensure that it is constructed, kept,
9 and maintained in a manner consistent with the intent
10 of ch. 497, F.S.; requiring that the university or
11 direct-support organization relocate all of the urns
12 and remains that were placed in the columbarium if it
13 is relocated; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (1) of
18 section 497.260, Florida Statutes, to read:

19 497.260 Cemeteries; exemption; investigation and
20 mediation.—

21 (1) The provisions of this chapter relating to cemeteries
22 and all rules adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to all
23 cemeteries except for:

24 (i) A columbarium consisting of 5 acres or less which is
25 located on the main campus of a university that is governed by
26 the Board of Governors as of July 1, 2009. The university or
27 direct-support organization that establishes the columbarium
28 shall ensure that the columbarium is constructed and perpetually
29 kept and maintained in a manner consistent with the intent of

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30 this chapter. If the university or direct-support organization
31 relocates the columbarium, the university or direct-support
32 organization shall relocate all of the urns and remains that
33 were placed in the columbarium.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.