

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Banking and Insurance; and Senator Truenow

SUBJECT: Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services

DATE: March 10, 2026

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

Barcode 692383 by Rep. Oliver

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

The amendment clarifies the provision that a licensee may not enter into an agreement in which that licensee becomes the sole provider of funeral, burial, cremation, refrigeration, embalming, or removal services for an entity that provides medical, palliative, or other end-of-life care and services to the general public. This change does not affect the substance of that provision.

The amendment also amends the definition of “cremation” to include the “biological process whereby human remains are reduced through heat, chemical action, natural decomposition, or other means to ashes, bone fragments, soil, or other reduced remains.” This change will allow licensees to compost human remains – a provision that was never considered by the Senate.