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Introduced by Reps. Polidori, Kurtz, Angerer, Ball, Barnett, Lisa Brown, Terry Brown, Constan, Crawford, Dean, Denby, Dillon, Durhal, Espinoza, Geiss, Genetski, Gonzales, Gregory, Haase, Hammel, Hansen, Haugh, Haveman, Horn, Jackson, Johnson, Rick Jones, Robert Jones, Kandrevas, Knollenberg, Lahti, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Liss, Lori, Marleau, McDowell, Melton, Neumann, Opsommer, Pearce, Roberts, Rocca, Schuitmaker, Paul Scott, Scripps, Sheltrown, Slavens, Slezak, Spade, Switalski, Tyler and Valentine

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5245

AN ACT to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws of this state regarding the regulation of certain occupations; to create a board for each of those occupations; to establish the powers and duties of certain departments and agencies and the boards of each occupation; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for certain fees; to provide for penalties and civil fines; to establish rights, relationships, and remedies of certain persons under certain circumstances; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 339.101 to 339.2919) by adding section 1809b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 1809b. (1) A person licensed in the practice of mortuary science may compile a list of names of the unclaimed cremated remains held in his or her possession for 6 months or more for the purposes of determining whether 1 or more of the deceased is a veteran of the United States armed services.

- (2) The funeral director may release the list of names to any federally chartered veterans service organization to confirm with the national cemetery administration's central scheduling office in St. Louis, Missouri, whether the deceased is eligible for proper disposition at a veterans cemetery. The veterans service organization shall report to the funeral director regarding the names of the confirmed veterans or spouses of veterans.
- (3) If the unclaimed cremated remains are determined to be eligible for proper disposition at a veterans cemetery, the funeral director shall send written notice of intent to make a proper disposition of the unclaimed remains as described under section 1809a(1). If the unclaimed cremated remains of a confirmed veteran are not claimed by the persons to whom the notice was sent, the funeral director may arrange for the proper disposition of the remains with a state or national veterans cemetery.
- (4) A funeral director complying with this section is immune from criminal or civil liability arising from compliance with this section.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect July 1, 2010.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 5246 of the 95th Legislature is enacted into law.

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	Clerk of the House of Representatives
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Compiler's note: House Bill No. 5246, referred to in enacting section 2, was filed with the Secretary of State November 19, 2009, and became 2009 PA 149, Eff. July 1, 2010.