

# HOUSE BILL No. 5245

August 19, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Polidori and Kurtz and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled  
"Occupational code,"  
(MCL 339.101 to 339.2919) by adding section 1809b.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 1809B. (1) A PERSON LICENSED IN THE PRACTICE OF MORTUARY  
2        SCIENCE MAY COMPILE A LIST OF NAMES OF THE UNCLAIMED CREMATED  
3        REMAINS HELD IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING  
4        WHETHER 1 OR MORE OF THE DECEASED IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES  
5        ARMED SERVICES.

6        (2) THE LICENSEE MAY RELEASE THE LIST OF NAMES TO ANY  
7        FEDERALLY CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION TO CONFIRM WITH  
8        THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION'S CENTRAL SCHEDULING OFFICE IN  
9        ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHETHER THE DECEASED IS ELIGIBLE FOR PROPER

1 DISPOSITION AT A VETERANS CEMETERY. THE VETERANS SERVICE  
2 ORGANIZATION SHALL REPORT TO THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR REGARDING THE  
3 NAMES OF THE CONFIRMED VETERANS OR SPOUSES OF VETERANS.

4 (3) IF THE UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS ARE DETERMINED TO BE  
5 ELIGIBLE FOR PROPER DISPOSITION AT A VETERANS CEMETERY, THE FUNERAL  
6 DIRECTOR SHALL SEND WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO MAKE A PROPER  
7 DISPOSITION OF THE UNCLAIMED REMAINS AS DESCRIBED UNDER SECTION  
8 1809A(1). IF THE UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS OF A CONFIRMED VETERAN  
9 ARE NOT CLAIMED BY THE PERSONS TO WHOM THE NOTICE WAS SENT, THE  
10 LICENSEE MAY ARRANGE FOR THE PROPER DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS WITH  
11 A STATE OR NATIONAL VETERANS CEMETERY.

12 (4) A FUNERAL DIRECTOR COMPLYING WITH THIS SECTION IS IMMUNE  
13 FROM CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY ARISING FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THIS  
14 SECTION.

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect July 1,  
16 2010.

17 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
18 unless Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No.\_\_\_\_ (request no.  
19 01717'09) of the 95th Legislature is enacted into law.