SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4456

A bill to amend 1915 PA 58, entitled

"An act to provide for the incorporation of cremation companies and associations; and to impose certain duties upon the department of commerce,"

by amending section 6 (MCL 456.206); and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 6. (1) A CORPORATION SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ACQUIRE BY
- 2 GIFT, DEVISE, OR PURCHASE, AND HOLD IN FEE SIMPLE, LAND THAT IS
- 3 NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR ITS PURPOSES.
- 4 (2) No mortgage or other lien or encumbrance, shall be
- 5 executed upon the lands or buildings of such corporation actually
- 6 used for the disposal of the dead as specified in the provisions of
- 7 this act. A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE SHALL NOT BE

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- 1 EXECUTED UPON THE LANDS OR BUILDINGS OF A COLUMBARIUM.
- 2 (3) A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE MAY BE EXECUTED ON
- 3 THE LAND OR BUILDINGS THAT ARE NOT UNDER OR PART OF A COLUMBARIUM
- 4 IF, AND ONLY IF, THE CORPORATION, LANDLORD, MORTGAGEE, OR LENDER,
- 5 AS DETERMINED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, FILES AND MAINTAINS IN
- 6 FORCE A CORPORATE SURETY BOND AND A CASH BOND THAT ARE CONDITIONED
- 7 UPON THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF ALL CREMATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS OF
- 8 CREMATED REMAINS CONTRACTED FOR, BY, OR ON BEHALF OF THE
- 9 CORPORATION THAT OWNS THE CREMATORIUM. THE SURETY BOND AND CASH
- 10 BOND SHALL BE IN A SUM DETERMINED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, BUT
- 11 THE SUM TOTAL OF BOTH BONDS SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN \$100,000.00. IN
- 12 ADDITION, THE SURETY BOND AND CASH BOND ARE SUBJECT TO THE RULES
- 13 AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER UNDER THE
- 14 CEMETERY REGULATION ACT, 1968 PA 251, MCL 456.521 TO 456.543, AND
- 15 ARE SUBJECT TO THE REGULATION OF CREMATORIUMS UNDER THE CEMETERY
- 16 REGULATION ACT, 1968 PA 251, MCL 456.521 TO 456.543. THE SURETY
- 17 BOND AND CASH BOND SHALL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF
- 18 MICHIGAN TO ENSURE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CREMATION AND THE
- 19 DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS CONTRACTED FOR, BY, OR ON BEHALF OF
- 20 THE CORPORATION THAT OWNS THE CREMATORIUM. IF LAND OR BUILDINGS ARE
- 21 LEASED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION, THE DURATION OF THE LEASE SHALL
- 22 BE FOR [NOT LESS THAN] 5 YEARS.
- 23 Enacting section 1. Section 4 of 1915 PA 58, MCL 456.204, is
- 24 repealed.