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HOUSE DRH70305-MC-179 (04/02)

Short Title: Exempt Real Property for Burial Purposes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stevens and Glazier (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FAIRER TREATMENT TO FOR-PROFIT, TRUST-ENDOWED, STATE-REGULATED CEMETERIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 105-278.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-278.2. Burial property.

- (a) Real property set apart for <u>human</u> burial purposes shall be exempted from taxation unless it is owned and held for purposes of (i) sale or rental or (ii) sale of burial rights therein.
- (b) Taxable real property set apart for human burial purposes is hereby <u>is</u> designated a special class of property under authority of Article V, Section 2(2) of the North Carolina Constitution, and it shall be assessed for taxation taking into consideration the following: Constitution and is exempt from taxation.
 - (1) The effect on its value by division and development into burial plots;
 - Whether it is irrevocably dedicated for human burial purposes by plat recorded with the Register of Deeds in the county in which the land is located; and
 - (3) Whether the owner is prohibited or restricted by law or otherwise from selling, mortgaging, leasing or encumbering the same.
- (e) For purposes of this section, the term "real property" includes land, tombs, vaults, monuments, and mausoleums, and the term "burial" includes entombment."
- **SECTION 2.** This act is effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2013.

