

HB2472 TESTIMONY: FACILITY INSPECTION

Origin & Drivers for the Bill

Death Care Community Stakeholder Planning Sessions

The Board holds annual community stakeholder planning meetings to discuss and inform long-term planning. These sessions are day-long events at which all licensees and stakeholders are invited to provide input and actively engage in the planning process. Surveys are also distributed to gather input from parties unable to attend the annual events. Through this process, the Board identified several concerns with entry to the field, as expressed by current licensees, trade associations and current students in the profession. The concerns requiring statutory change were incorporated into HB2472.

Key Drivers for Changes

- **Desire to Increase Licensee Involvement and Transparency**
- **Provision of Hands-on Understanding of Inspection Process and Facility Requirements**
- **Allow for Risk-based Inspection Focus**

What the Bill Does

- NOTE: Legislative Counsel modernized language throughout.
- Repeals sections related to inspection authority already covered elsewhere in statute for a standard approach,
- Allows Board to establish a self-inspection program in addition to current inspection program.
- Allows certain exempt operating cemeteries to be exempt from regular inspections in certain cases.

Amendment Request: One Minor Corrections

The current language, as reviewed by our AAG, is broad enough that it would prevent anyone from performing a self-inspection, which is the core intent of the bill. To mitigate this, the following amendment is suggested:

- Page 2, line 11—add to the end "other than when performing a self-inspection" or equivalent language.