

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2002

ENROLLED

House Bill No. 4402

(By Delegate Amores)

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WHERE THE VIRGINIA
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H. B. 4402

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AN ACT to amend article thirteen, chapter thirty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section one-a; and to amend and reenact section seven of said article, all relating to procedures to be used whenever development on privately owned lands may disturb graves; and providing certain exemptions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article thirteen, chapter thirty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section one-a; and that section seven of said article be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 13. REMOVAL, TRANSFER AND DISPOSITION OF REMAINS IN GRAVES LOCATED UPON PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS.

§37-13-1a. Improvement, construction or development upon privately owned lands containing graves.

- 1 No improvement, construction or development shall
- 2 commence upon privately owned lands on which a cemetery or
- 3 graves are located if such improvement, construction or
- 4 development would destroy or otherwise physically disturb the
- 5 cemetery or graves located on the land unless the owner first
- 6 files a petition in accordance with the provisions of section two
- 7 of this article and an order is entered pursuant to article five of
- 8 this article providing for the disposition of the remains.

§37-13-7. Remedy herein provided cumulative.

- 1 This article and the rights and remedies herein provided for
- 2 shall be cumulative and in addition to other existing rights. The
- 3 right of eminent domain and the remedy of condemnation of
- 4 lands shall not be affected hereby. This article shall not apply
- 5 to burial grounds governed by the provisions of article five,
- 6 chapter thirty-five of this code or by the provisions of section
- 7 eight-a, article one, chapter twenty-nine of this code'.

| That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the |
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