



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2015 Senate Bill 229**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

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### **2015 SENATE BILL 229**

Senate Bill 229 creates an exemption from the current cemetery and mausoleum statutes governing the disposition of human remains for a columbarium that is established and used by a religious association. In order to qualify for the exemption, all of the following must apply:

- The columbarium is located on property where the religious association's church building or other place of worship is located and the property is owned by the religious association.
- The religious association must ensure that the columbarium is perpetually kept in a manner consistent with the intent of the statutes governing the disposition of human remains, including by ensuring, consistent with the requirements related to a public mausoleum's care fund and the certification or substantial compliance with the care fund requirements, that sufficient care funds are continually available for the columbarium.
- If the religious association ceases to use or occupy the church building or other place of worship where the columbarium is located, the religious association relocates all of the urns in the columbarium that contain cremated remains.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 deletes the provision that generally requires that a religious association ensure that they are operating a columbarium in a manner **consistent with the intent** of the statutes governing the disposition of human remains and instead inserts specific requirements relating to funding and certification of mausoleums and cemeteries operated by

religious associations, as are similarly found in s. 157.12 (3) (a) 2., Stats., and s. 157.63 (2) through (6), Stats.

**BILL HISTORY**

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 229 was adopted and Senate Bill 229 was recommended for passage as amended by the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection on September 8, 2015, by votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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