

Cemetery and Funeral Bureau Advisory Committee Meeting

Legislation Update for 2023 - Chaptered Legislation

- a. Assembly Bill [\(AB\) 883](#), (Mathis, Chapter 348, Statutes of 2023) Business Licenses: United States Department of Defense SkillBridge Program.

AB 883 requires boards and bureaus within DCA, beginning July 1, 2024, to expedite applications for licensure for active-duty military members participating in the U.S. Department of Defense's SkillBridge program. Currently, boards and bureaus are required to expedite applications from military veterans.

- b. [AB 1560](#), (Flora, Chapter 206, Statutes of 2023) Crematories: change in ownership.

AB 1560 permits the new owner of a crematory to submit an application to the Bureau to assign a crematory license, so long as the application is submitted at least 30 days before the change of ownership and the new owner pays the appropriate application fee of \$750. Once the crematory sale is final, this bill will require the new owner to submit to the Bureau: (1) a copy of the final sales agreement within 10 days of the sale; and (2) within 60 days of the sale, proof that any required permit to operate the crematory has been issued by a local air pollution control district. The bill will also require the Bureau to approve or disapprove the new owner's application. The application evaluation may be finalized by the Bureau prior to the date of the final sale.

2024 Legislation Update as of May 1st, 2024.

- a. [AB 3254](#), (Committee on Business and Professions). Endowment care cemeteries: reporting.

AB 3254 is the sunset bill for the Bureau. Existing law requires the appropriate policy committee of the Legislature to review the powers and duties of the Bureau relating to the Cemetery & Funeral Act as though this act would be repealed by January 1, 2025, and this bill would extend this date to January 1, 2029. This bill would also require each licensed cemetery authority to provide certain information to the Bureau, as specified, on or before January 1, 2028. In addition, this bill would require the Bureau to convene a workgroup including specified stakeholders to consider options for ensuring continued maintenance of abandoned cemeteries, and to submit a report to the Legislature summarizing the discussion and any recommendations. Finally, this bill would require the Bureau to conserve the endowment care funds following the surrender, cancellation, or revocation of a cemetery's certificate of authority, unless ownership of the cemetery is transferred within 90 days in accordance with existing statute.