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Agenda Item 5
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Cemetery and Funeral Bureau Advisory Committee Meeting
Regulations Update

Regulations For October 2026.

AB 351 (Garcia, Chapter 399, Statutes of 2022) Reduction of human remains and the disposition of reduced human remains.

- AB 351 requires the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to license and regulate reduction facilities -bill defined as a location where natural, organic reduction of a human body occurs -as well as reduction facility managers. The bill also establishes requirements for these facilities which are substantially similar to those for crematories and hydrolysis facilities. AB351 was chaptered on September 18, 2022, with a delayed implementation date of January 1, 2027.

- The Bureau submitted the regulatory proposal package to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for notice, initiating the 45-day public comment period which concluded September 28, 2026. The Bureau is currently reviewing and responding to comments. During the review, the Bureau has identified areas in which the text can be improved. As such, the text will be noticed for an additional 15-day public comment period. The bureau still remains on track to implement the regulations by January 1, 2027, consistent withstatute.