

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs to which was  
3 referred House Bill No. 661 entitled “An act relating to exhumation  
4 requirements and notice” respectfully reports that it has considered the same  
5 and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting  
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5212 is amended to read:

8 § 5212. PERMIT TO REMOVE DEAD BODIES; NOTICE

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10 (b) An applicant for a removal permit shall publish notice of his or her  
11 intent to remove the remains. This notice shall be published for two successive  
12 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality in which the  
13 body is interred or entombed. The notice shall include a statement that the  
14 spouse, child, parent, sibling, or descendant of the deceased, or that the  
15 ~~cemetary commissioner~~ Cemetery Commissioner or other municipal authority  
16 responsible for cemeteries in the municipality may object to the proposed  
17 removal by filing a complaint in the ~~probate division of the superior court~~  
18 Probate Division of the Superior Court of the district in which the body is  
19 located as provided in section 5212a of this title. In addition to the published  
20 notice, an applicant for a removal permit shall notify directly, by certified mail,  
21 the town clerk in the municipality in which the body is interred or entombed

1 and all spouses, children, parents, siblings, and descendants of the deceased to  
2 ensure that all living relatives of the deceased are aware of the applicant's  
3 desire to exhume the deceased's body.

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5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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