

1 H.640

2 Introduced by Representative Botzow of Pownal

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; cemeteries; town cemeteries; town appropriations; repairs;  
6 expenses

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to eliminate the  
8 \$500.00 annual cap on expenses for town cemetery repairs and allow those  
9 repairs to be made in accordance with the town funds maintained for that  
10 purpose.

11 An act relating to expenses for the repair of town cemeteries

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5362 is amended to read:

14 § 5362. REPAIR; EXPENSE; NOTICE

15 ~~(a) When lots or walks in a public burial ground become unsightly with~~  
16 ~~weeds or by an unchecked growth of grass or from any other cause, or when~~  
17 ~~headstones or monuments have become displaced or out of repair, the~~  
18 ~~selectmen selectboard or board of cemetery commissioners shall cause such~~  
19 ~~lots and walks to be cleared of weeds and grass, the headstones or monuments~~  
20 ~~to be replaced or repaired, or other disfigurements removed, and may draw~~

1 ~~orders on the town treasurer for the expenses incurred. The amount drawn~~  
2 ~~from the treasury of a town for such purpose in any year shall not exceed~~  
3 ~~\$500.00 be in accordance with the funds maintained for that purpose.~~

*(a) When lots or walks in a public burial ground become unsightly with weeds or by an unchecked growth of grass or from any other cause, or when headstones or monuments have become displaced or out of repair, the ~~selectmen~~ selectboard or board of cemetery commissioners shall cause such lots and walks to be cleared of weeds and grass, the headstones or monuments to be replaced or repaired, or other disfigurements removed, and may draw orders on the town treasurer for the expenses incurred. ~~The amount drawn from the treasury of a town for such purpose in any year shall not exceed \$500.00.~~*

4 (b) When a headstone or monument is to be replaced, the ~~selectmen~~  
5 selectboard or board of cemetery commissioners shall notify relatives of the  
6 deceased, if known, of the date of the removal and that the relative may claim  
7 the removed headstone or monument within 30 days after the date of the  
8 notice.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.