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An act relating to expenses for the repair of town cemeteries

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

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

§ 5362. REPAIR; EXPENSE; NOTICE

(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 be in accordance with the funds maintained for that purpose.

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

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.