

H.640 Testimony

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Please note I have cc'd Bill Botzow, Woodford Representative and sponsor of H640 as well as Garrett Baxter staff attorney for VLCT. I have no record of a response from Garrett after including him in the email below and hope he will respond to you and me after receiving this email with the VLCT support for H.640 which is scheduled for the next hearing on this Wednesday, March 9 at 9 a.m.

Also cc'd are the three Woodford Select Board Members and the Cemetery Commission members who were also cc'd in the email below.

To sum it up, 18 V.S.A, 5362 may have had sound practical reasoning during the 1950s or 60s it is outdated. From what I have read and been told, it does not appear to be an overlooked regulation but a regulation that has remained in effect somewhat under the radar screen legislatively because towns have more simply found the ways and means to circumvent it rather than make a case for its removal from statute.

I commend the writer of H640, it is very well written and clearly addresses the problem flawlessly, in my opinion.

On behalf of Woodford, please give my thanks and appreciation to House General.