

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to
3 which was referred House Bill No. 25 entitled “An act relating to natural burial
4 grounds” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. § 5319, by striking out subdivision (b)(1) in its
7 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof as follows:

8 (b)(1) ~~No interment~~ Interment of any human body in the earth shall not be
9 made unless the distance from the bottom of the outside coffin or body shall be
10 at least five feet below the natural surface of the ground, excepting only infants
11 under four years of age, whose bodies shall be so interred that the bottom of
12 the outside coffin enclosing them shall be at least three and one-half feet below
13 the natural surface of the ground or if buried without a coffin shall be so
14 interred that the bottom of the body shall be at least five feet below the natural
15 surface of the ground.

16 Second: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. § 5323, by striking out subdivision (a)(1) in
17 its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof as follows:

18 (1) section 5310 of this title with regard to the method of platting so as
19 to allow the use of any nonstandard method of locating human remains that
20 enables demarcation of the exact location and identity of each buried body in
21 the town land record;

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3 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE