

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 the following:

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 the following:

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 in the town land record of the exact location and identity

1 of each buried body, such as by mapping, surveying, or use of a global  
2 positioning system;

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5 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE