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2 Introduced by Representative Ancel of Calais

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; cemeteries; burial depth

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the
7 required minimum burial depth in cemeteries to three and one-half feet for
8 both children and adults.

9 An act relating to burial depth in cemeteries

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

11 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5319(b) is amended to read:

(b)(1) Interment of any human body in the earth shall not be made unless the distance from the bottom of the outside coffin or body shall be at least five three and one-half feet below the natural surface of the ground, ~~excepting only infants under four years of age, whose bodies shall be so interred that the bottom of the outside coffin enclosing them shall be at least three and one-half feet below the natural surface of the ground or if buried without a coffin shall be so interred that the bottom of the body shall be at least five feet below the natural surface of the ground.~~ *Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to*

prohibit the interment of a human body at a depth greater than three and one-half feet below the surface of the ground.

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2 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

3 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.