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An act relating to burial depth in cemeteries

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

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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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.