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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:

12 (b)(1) Interment of any human body in the earth shall not be made unless  
13 the distance from the bottom of the outside coffin or body shall be at least ~~five~~  
14 three and one-half feet below the natural surface of the ground, ~~excepting only~~  
15 ~~infants under four years of age, whose bodies shall be so interred that the~~  
16 ~~bottom of the outside coffin enclosing them shall be at least three and one-half~~  
17 ~~feet below the natural surface of the ground or if buried without a coffin shall~~  
18 ~~be so interred that the bottom of the body shall be at least five feet below the~~  
19 ~~natural surface of the ground.~~

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.