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SENATE BILL 379
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 3/31/15
House Committee Substitute Favorable 8/18/15

Short Title: Cemeteries Located on State Property.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 25, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT RELATING TO CEMETERIES LOCATED ON LANDS OWNED, OCCUPIED,
3 OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
6 a new section to read:

7 "**§70-21. Cemeteries on State lands.**

8 (a) To preserve the sanctity of cemeteries located on State lands, the head of each State
9 agency shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

10 (1) To identify and inventory all known cemeteries on State lands allocated to
11 that State agency.

12 (2) To furnish a copy of the inventory to the State Property Office and the
13 Department of Cultural Resources.

14 (b) State agencies are not required to provide State funds or other resources to maintain
15 cemeteries on State land, except when required by law, regulation, or ordinance; directed by
16 court order; or necessary to correct a known safety hazard to the public.

17 (c) State agencies may allow a family member or other interested person to maintain
18 cemeteries and erect signs, fencing, grave markers, monuments, and tombstones within the
19 designated boundaries of the cemetery if this activity does not constitute a safety hazard to the
20 public. The family member or person shall obtain approval from the respective State agency
21 and shall be responsible for any expense incurred by the activity."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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