Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Executive Budget and Finance DOA-2048 (R07/2000)

# Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

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LRB Number <b>01-4247/1</b>	Introduction Number	AB-776	
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives R&L 02/18/2002

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

#### Creation of a Cemetery Board:

This board would consist of 7 members. It would have to meet at least 4 times per year.

Costs would include per diems and travel for Board member attendance at meetings, screening cases, other board functions and 8 screening sessions for 2 members

Registration of Additional Cemeteries, Additional Cemetery Salespersons and Additional Preneed Sellers: Instead of registering 65 cemetery authorities, we will have to license approximately 300. Instead of registering 139 cemetery salespersons, we will have to license approx. 400 cemetery salespersons. There will probably not be much of a change in the number of preneed sellers of cemetery merchandise. We will have to register approximately 600 small cemeteries.

#### Audits and Auditors:

Instead of being responsible to periodically audit 65 cemeteries, DRL will be required to periodically audit 300 cemeteries.

#### **Enforcement Activities:**

The law will give us enforcement authority over all 2200 cemeteries in Wisconsin, regardless of whether they are registered or not. This means that we will not be able to screen out very many complaints for "no jurisdiction." We will have jurisdiction over all cemeteries. Thus, there will be a much larger screening, investigative and prosecutory workload. There has been an average 22 complaints per year since 1994. It is therefore assumed approximately 92 complaints per year will result from the additional regulation.

Disbursement of Funds From the Cemetery Management Reserve Fund:

DRL will have to process disbursements, field questions about the funds and disbursements from the fund, negotiate with requesters, and oversee the expenditure of the funds

## Approval of the Sale or Encumbrance of Cemeteries:

We currently have to approve the sale or encumbrance any of the 65 registered cemetery authorities. If any of the 300 licensed cemeteries want to sell or encumber all or a portion of their cemetery, they will have to obtain the Department's approval.

## Receive and Review Annual Reports From Cemeteries:

Presently we receive 170 annual reports from cemeteries and preneed sellers of cemetery merchandise. Processing the reports of 235 additional licensed cemeteries will significantly add to the work load.

#### Staffing Needs

- 1.5 FTE PA3
- 1.0 FTE Auditor-Objective
- 1.0 FTE Consumer Protection Investigator
- 0.5 FTE Attorney
- 0.5 FTE Paralegal
- 0.5 FTE Clerical Assistant

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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# Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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