

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DOR 2/10/2012

LRB Number 11-3490/1	Introduction Number AB-0523	Estimate Type Original
Description Permitting a funeral establishment to be located in cemetery, prohibiting discrimination against a funeral establishment that has no relationship with a cemetery, prohibiting discrimination against a cemetery that has not relationship with a funeral establishment, and eliminating a property tax exemption for cemetery authority property		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill makes several changes to current law concerning cemeteries and funeral establishments. The only part of the bill pertinent to the Department of Revenue (DOR) is Section 1, which amends the property tax exemption for cemeteries.

Under current law, a funeral director is prohibited from operating a funeral establishment in a cemetery. Under the bill, this prohibition is repealed.

The bill amends the property tax exemption for cemeteries so that it does not apply to a funeral establishment located in a cemetery. The bill effectively leaves funeral establishments on the property tax roll, regardless of whether or not they are located in a cemetery. The DOR does not have information which would permit a reasonable estimate of the number of funeral establishments that may locate in a cemetery if the prohibition on such location under current law is repealed. It is therefore not possible to estimate the degree to which amendment to the exemption language avoids a shift in property taxes.

The DOR will incur administrative costs as a result of the bill. These costs can be absorbed in current budgetary resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications