

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 559	Assembly Amendment 1
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*Assembly Bill 559* regulates the cremation of human remains, creates a Crematory Authority Council in the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL), grants rule-making authority to DRL, and provides penalties. Specifically, the bill creates requirements for authorizing the cremation of human remains, conducting cremations, and disposing of cremated human remains.

Assembly Amendment 1 amends the bill so that it does not apply:

- To a person who is performing his or her duties as an officer of any public institution, medical school, medical college, county medical society, anatomical association, or accredited college of embalming or to any other recognized person carrying out the statutes prescribing the conditions under which donated or indigent dead human bodies are held subject for anatomical study.
- To a person who is acting according to the customs or rites of any religious sect in the burial of its dead.

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On October 22, 2003, the Assembly Committee on Small Business introduced Assembly Amendment 1 by unanimous consent. The Assembly Committee on Small Business recommended for adoption Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

The Assembly Committee on Small Business recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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