

1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 707

January 13, 1998 – Introduced by Representatives WARD, MUSSER and DOBYNS. Referred to Committee on Small Business and Economic Development.

1 AN ACT to create 157.114 of the statutes; relating to: requiring cemetery

 $\mathbf{2}$

authorities to provide for burials during each season.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the owner or operator of a cemetery (cemetery authority) to provide for burials, insofar as practicable, during each season, including winter. This requirement does not prohibit a cemetery authority from charging a reasonable fee to recover the costs related to providing for a burial during difficult weather conditions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 157.114 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **157.114 Duty to provide for burials.** A cemetery authority shall, insofar as

- 5 practicable, provide for burials during each season, including winter. Nothing in this
- 6 section may be construed to prohibit a cemetery authority from charging a
- 7 reasonable fee to recover the costs related to providing for a burial during difficult
- 8 weather conditions.
- 9