



Agenda Item 6
June 24, 2021

Cemetery and Funeral Bureau Advisory Committee Meeting Legislation Update

Following are 2021 assembly and senate bills that have been identified as legislation of interest:

1. [AB 293](#), Kalra, Preneed funeral arrangements: unclaimed property (as of 5/28/2021)
 - This bill has a delayed implementation date of January 1, 2023.
 - Establishes procedures for when and how preneed funeral arrangements that are not claimed upon the beneficiary's death should escheat to the state under the Unclaimed Property Law.
2. [AB 496](#), Chen, Cremation of veterans with the United States flag (as of 5/12/2021)
 - This bill would authorize a crematory, upon request of the person with the authority to dispose of the remains, to cremate the remains of a person who was a member of a branch of the United States military with a single American flag. The bill would exempt a flag that is incinerated in this manner from the recordkeeping requirements for incinerating a flag.
3. [AB 501](#), Garcia, Reduction of human remains and the disposition of reduced human remains (as of 5/28/2021)
 - This bill has a delayed implementation date of July 1, 2022.
 - This bill would require the bureau to license and regulate reduction facilities and would enact requirements applicable to reduction facilities substantially similar to those applicable to crematoria and hydrolysis facilities and would enact provisions relating to the disposition of reduced human remains by integration into the soil.
4. [AB 646](#), Low, DCA: boards: expunged convictions (as of 5/20/2021)

- This bill would require boards and bureaus (boards) under the Department of Consumer Affairs (Department) that post information on their website about a revoked license, when the revocation is due to a criminal conviction, to update or remove information about the revoked license should the board receive an expungement order related to the conviction.
 - This bill would authorize a board to charge a fee to perform these activities, not to exceed the necessary cost of administering this bill.
5. [AB 651](#), Gipson, Endowment care cemeteries: examination, investigation, and discipline (as of 5/28/2021)
- This bill would increase the minimum dollar amount that must be deposited into a cemetery endowment care trust fund.
 - This bill would also require, in the absence of a court-appointed temporary manager, a county to assume responsibility for the maintenance of a cemetery if the cemetery manager of a private cemetery has surrendered their license or has had their license suspended or revoked.
 - Lastly, this bill would direct the Bureau to examine a cemetery's endowment care fund whenever the Bureau receives a valid complaint alleging financial misconduct or neglect of duties.

Military Bills

1. [AB 107](#), Salas, Licensure: veterans and military spouses (as of 6/2/2021)
- This bill would require most boards and bureaus within the Department to issue temporary licenses to military spouses meeting specified criteria. Temporary licenses would be required to be issued within 30 days of receiving an application if the results of a criminal background check do not show grounds for denial.
 - This bill would require the Bureau to submit draft regulations to the Department by June 15, 2022.
 - Lastly, this bill would require the Department to submit an annual report to the Legislature on licensure of military members, veterans, and spouses.

2. [AB 1026](#), Smith, Business licenses: veterans (as of 5/20/2021)
 - This bill would require DCA/CFB to reduce initial licensing fees for honorably discharged veterans by 50 percent. Applicants would be required to submit satisfactory evidence they are an honorably discharged veteran by providing a copy of a driver's license or identification card with the word "Veteran" printed on it.

3. [AB 1386](#), Cunningham, License Fees: military partners and spouses (as of 5/20/2021)
 - This bill would prohibit the bureau from charging an initial application fee or an initial license issuance fee to an applicant who meets these expedited licensing requirements.
 - This bill would also prohibit CFB from charging an initial examination fee to an applicant who meets the expedited licensing requirements if the examination is administered by the board.

4. [SB 607](#), Roth, Professions and vocations (as of 6/2/2021)
 - This bill would require the bureau to waive all fees associated with the application and initial license for an applicant who meets certain expedited licensing requirements.