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H.B. No. 1675

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the interment of certain cremated animal remains with human remains in perpetual care cemeteries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as Mona's Law.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 712, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 712.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 712.010. PET INTERMENT. (a) In this section:

(1) "Columbarium," "grave," "interment," and "memorial" have the meanings assigned by Section 711.001.

(2) "Cremated remains" means the bone fragments remaining after the cremation process, which may include the residue of any foreign materials that were cremated with the human or pet remains.

(3) "Cremation" means the irreversible process of reducing human or pet remains to bone fragments through extreme heat and evaporation, which may include the processing or the pulverization of bone fragments.

(4) "Pet" means a domesticated animal that an individual owns and keeps in or near the individual's household for the primary purpose of companionship. The term does not include a livestock animal as defined by Section 42.09, Penal Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a perpetual care cemetery may allow:

1 (1) the cremated remains of a deceased individual's
2 pet to be:

3 (A) buried in the individual's casket at the time
4 of the individual's interment;

5 (B) buried in a separate grave near the
6 individual's grave at the time of the individual's interment; or

7 (C) placed beside the individual's cremated
8 remains in a columbarium; and

9 (2) information about the pet to be included on the
10 individual's memorial.

11 (c) An individual may not euthanize a pet for the purpose of
12 interring the pet with a deceased individual.

13 (d) A perpetual care cemetery may dedicate an area, separate
14 from other areas of the cemetery, as a family cemetery in which a
15 family's human and pet remains may be buried in separate graves.

16 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
17 of this Act, the Finance Commission of Texas shall adopt rules
18 necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.