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S.B. No. 350

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and use of a columbarium by a church in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 711.008(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to:

(1) a cemetery heretofore established and operating;

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(2) the establishment and use of a columbarium by an organized religious society or sect as part of or attached to the principal church building owned by the society or sect; or

(3) the establishment and use of a columbarium:

(A) in a municipality with a population of at least 1.8 million; and

(B) by an organized religious society or sect on land that is:

(i) owned by the society or sect; and

(ii) part of the campus in which an existing principal church building is located.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.