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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 and the eligibility of those cemeteries for an exemption from ad valorem taxation.

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) "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.

(3) "Pet remains" means the remains of a pet carcass that has been incinerated by an animal carcass incinerator for which a permit has been issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

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

(A) buried in the individual's casket at the time

1 of the individual's interment; or

2 (B) placed beside the individual's cremated  
3 remains in a columbarium; and

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

6 (c) An individual may not euthanize a pet for the purpose of  
7 interring the pet remains with a deceased individual.

8 SECTION 3. Section 11.17, Tax Code, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 Sec. 11.17. CEMETERIES. A person is entitled to an  
11 exemption from taxation of the property the person:

12 (1) [he] owns and uses exclusively for human burial or  
13 for human and pet burial in accordance with Section 712.010, Health  
14 and Safety Code; and

15 (2) does not hold for profit.

16 SECTION 4. 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 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.