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SB 180

Funeral establishments and Crematories-Unclaimed Cremains of Veterans-Notification, Disposition, and Reporting

MD State Funeral Directors Association (MSFDA)

SUPPORT-FAVORABLE

This bill adds to current law regarding the notification and disposition of cremains that have gone unclaimed for 90 days or more. Currently, for such unclaimed cremains, a funeral establishment notifies a veteran's service organization to determine if the cremains are those of a veteran or eligible dependent. If they are, the funeral establishment may transfer those remains to the service organization for disposition.

This bill would add a provision, stating that if the veterans service organization does not take possession of the cremains of a veteran, for burial in a veteran's cemetery, the funeral establishment shall notify the Department of Veterans Affairs and transfer the cremains to the Department for disposition.

MSFDA supports this proposal.

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