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- 1 AN ACT in relation to cemeteries.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 5. The Grave and Cemetery Restoration Act is
- 5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:
- 6 (55 ILCS 70/1) (from Ch. 21, par. 61)
- 7 Sec. 1. <u>Care by county</u>.
- 8 (a) The county board of any county may appropriate funds
- 9 from the county treasury to be used for the purpose of
- 10 putting any old, neglected graves and cemeteries in the
- 11 county in a cleaner and more respectable condition.
- 12 (b) A county that has within its territory an abandoned
- 13 <u>cemetery may enter the cemetery grounds and cause the grounds</u>
- 14 <u>to be cleared and made orderly. Provided, in no event shall a</u>
- 15 <u>county enter an abandoned cemetery under this subsection if</u>
- 16 <u>the owner of the property or the legally responsible cemetery</u>
- 17 <u>authority provides written notification to the county, prior</u>
- 18 <u>to the county's entry (1) demonstrating the ownership or</u>

authority to control or manage the cemetery and (2) declining

the county authorization to enter the property. In making a

- 21 <u>cemetery orderly under this Section, the county may take</u>
- 22 <u>necessary measures to correct dangerous conditions that exist</u>
- 23 <u>in regard to markers, memorials, or other cemetery artifacts</u>
- 24 <u>but may not permanently remove those items from their</u>
- 25 <u>location on the cemetery grounds</u>. If an abandoned cemetery
- 26 <u>is dedicated as an Illinois nature preserve under the</u>
- 27 <u>Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, any actions to cause</u>
- 28 the grounds to be cleared and kept orderly shall be
- 29 consistent with the rules and master plan governing the
- 30 <u>dedicated nature preserve.</u>
- 31 (c) For the purposes of this Section:

- 1 <u>"Abandoned cemetery" means an area of land containing</u>
- 2 more than 6 places of interment for which, after diligent
- 3 search, no owner of the land or currently functioning
- 4 <u>cemetery authority objects to entry sought pursuant to this</u>
- 5 Section, and (1) at which no interments have taken place in
- 6 <u>at least 3 years; or (2) for which there has been inadequate</u>
- 7 <u>maintenance for at least 6 months.</u>
- 8 <u>"Diligent search" includes, but is not limited to,</u>
- 9 <u>publication</u> of a notice in a newspaper of local circulation
- 10 <u>not more than 45 but at least 30 days prior to a county's</u>
- 11 entry and cleanup of cemetery grounds. The notice shall
- 12 provide (1) notice of the county's intended entry and cleanup
- of the cemetery; (2) the name, if known, and geographic
- 14 <u>location of the cemetery; (3) the right of the cemetery</u>
- 15 <u>authority or owner of the property to deny entry to the</u>
- 16 <u>county upon written notice to the county; and (4) the date or</u>
- 17 <u>dates of the intended cleanup.</u>
- 18 <u>"Inadequate maintenance" includes, but is not limited to,</u>
- 19 the failure to cut the lawn throughout a cemetery to prevent
- 20 <u>an overgrowth of grass and weeds; the failure to trim shrubs</u>
- 21 <u>to prevent excessive overgrowth; the failure to trim trees so</u>
- 22 <u>as to remove dead limbs; the failure to keep in repair the</u>
- 23 <u>drains, water lines, roads, buildings, fences, and other</u>
- 24 <u>structures of the cemetery premises; or the failure to keep</u>
- 25 <u>the cemetery premises free of trash and debris.</u>
- 26 (Source: P.A. 86-696.)
- 27 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by changing
- 28 Section 130-5 as follows:
- 29 (60 ILCS 1/130-5)
- 30 Sec. 130-5. Cemeteries; permitted activities.
- 31 <u>(a)</u> A township may establish and maintain cemeteries
- 32 within and without its territory, may acquire lands for

- 1 cemeteries by condemnation or otherwise, may lay out lots of
- 2 convenient size for families, and may sell lots for a family
- 3 burying ground or to individuals for burial purposes.
- 4 Associations duly incorporated under the laws of this State
- 5 for cemetery purposes shall have the same power and authority
- 6 to purchase lands and sell lots for burial purposes as are
- 7 conferred upon townships under this Article.
- 8 (b) A township that has within its territory an
- 9 <u>abandoned cemetery may enter the cemetery grounds and cause</u>
- the grounds to be cleared and made orderly. Provided, in no
- 11 <u>event shall a township enter an abandoned cemetery under this</u>
- 12 <u>subsection</u> if the owner of the property or the legally
- 13 <u>responsible cemetery authority provides written notification</u>
- 14 to the township, prior to the township's entry (1)
- demonstrating the ownership or authority to control or manage
- 16 <u>the cemetery and (2) declining the township authorization to</u>
- 17 <u>enter the property. In making a cemetery orderly under this</u>
- 18 Section, the township may take necessary measures to correct
- 19 <u>dangerous conditions that exist in regard to markers</u>,
- 20 memorials, or other cemetery artifacts but may not
- 21 permanently remove those items from their location on the
- 22 <u>cemetery grounds</u>. If an abandoned cemetery is dedicated as
- 23 <u>an Illinois nature preserve under the Illinois Natural Areas</u>

Preservation Act, any actions to cause the grounds to be

- 25 <u>cleared</u> and <u>kept orderly shall be consistent with the rules</u>
- 26 and master plan governing the dedicated nature preserve.
- 27 (c) In this Section:

- 28 <u>"Abandoned cemetery" means an area of land containing</u>
- 29 more than 6 places of interment for which, after diligent
- 30 search, no owner of the land or currently functioning
- 31 <u>cemetery authority objects to entry sought pursuant to this</u>
- 32 <u>Section</u>, and (1) at which no interments have taken place in
- 33 <u>at least 3 years; or (2) for which there has been inadequate</u>
- 34 <u>maintenance for at least 6 months.</u>

- 1 "Diligent search" includes, but is not limited to,
- 2 <u>publication</u> of a notice in a newspaper of local circulation
- 3 <u>not more than 45 but at least 30 days prior to a township's</u>
- 4 <u>entry and cleanup of cemetery grounds. The notice shall</u>
- 5 provide (1) notice of the township's intended entry and
- 6 cleanup of the cemetery; (2) the name, if known, and
- 7 geographic location of the cemetery; (3) the right of the
- 8 <u>cemetery authority or owner of the property to deny entry to</u>
- 9 the township upon written notice to the township; and (4) the
- 10 <u>date or dates of the intended cleanup.</u>
- "Inadequate maintenance" includes, but is not limited to,
- 12 the failure to cut the lawn throughout a cemetery to prevent
- an overgrowth of grass and weeds; the failure to trim shrubs
- 14 <u>to prevent excessive overgrowth; the failure to trim trees so</u>
- 15 <u>as to remove dead limbs; the failure to keep in repair the</u>
- 16 <u>drains, water lines, roads, buildings, fences, and other</u>
- 17 <u>structures of the cemetery premises; or the failure to keep</u>
- 18 <u>the cemetery premises free of trash and debris.</u>
- 19 (Source: Laws 1963, p. 824; P.A. 88-62.)
- 20 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
- 21 changing Section 11-49-1 as follows:
- 22 (65 ILCS 5/11-49-1) (from Ch. 24, par. 11-49-1)
- Sec. 11-49-1. <u>Cemeteries; permitted activities.</u>
- 24 (a) The corporate authorities of each municipality may
- 25 establish and regulate cemeteries within or without the
- 26 municipal limits; may acquire lands therefor, by purchase or
- otherwise; may cause cemeteries to be removed; and may
- 28 prohibit their establishment within one mile of the municipal
- 29 limits.
- 30 (b) The corporate authorities also may enter into
- 31 contracts to purchase existing cemeteries, or lands for
- 32 cemetery purposes, on deferred installments to be paid solely

1 from the proceeds of sale of cemetery lots. Every such

2 contract shall empower the purchasing municipality, in its

3 own name, to execute and deliver deeds to purchasers of

4 cemetery lots for burial purposes.

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(c) The corporate authorities of each municipality that has within its territory an abandoned cemetery may enter the cemetery grounds and cause the grounds to be cleared and made orderly. Provided, in no event shall the corporate authorities of a municipality enter an abandoned cemetery under this subsection if the owner of the property or the

legally responsible cemetery authority provides written

notification to the corporate authorities, prior to the

corporate authorities' entry (1) demonstrating the ownership

or authority to control or manage the cemetery and (2)

declining the corporate authority authorization to enter the

property. In making a cemetery orderly under this Section,

17 <u>the corporate authorities of a municipality may take</u>

necessary measures to correct dangerous conditions that exist

in regard to markers, memorials, or other cemetery artifacts

20 <u>but may not permanently remove those items from their</u>

21 <u>location on the cemetery grounds. If an abandoned cemetery</u>

<u>is dedicated as an Illinois nature preserve under the</u>

Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, any actions to cause

24 the grounds to be cleared and kept orderly shall be

consistent with the rules and master plan governing the

<u>dedicated nature preserve.</u>

(d) In this Section:

28 <u>"Abandoned cemetery" means an area of land containing</u>
29 <u>more than 6 places of interment for which, after diligent</u>

search, no owner of the land or currently functioning

cemetery authority objects to entry sought pursuant to this

Section, and (1) at which no interments have taken place in

33 <u>at least 3 years; or (2) for which there has been inadequate</u>

34 <u>maintenance for at least 6 months.</u>

- 1 "Diligent search" includes, but is not limited to,
- 2 <u>publication</u> of a notice in a newspaper of local circulation
- 3 <u>not more than 45 but at least 30 days prior to entry and</u>
- 4 <u>cleanup of cemetery grounds by the corporate authorities of a</u>
- 5 <u>municipality</u>. The notice shall provide (1) notice of the
- 6 <u>corporate authorities' intended entry and cleanup of the</u>
- 7 <u>cemetery; (2) the name, if known, and geographic location of</u>
- 8 the cemetery; (3) the right of the cemetery authority or
- 9 owner of the property to deny entry to the corporate
- 10 <u>authorities upon written notice to those authorities; and (4)</u>
- 11 the date or dates of the intended cleanup.
- 12 <u>"Inadequate maintenance" includes, but is not limited to,</u>
- 13 the failure to cut the lawn throughout a cemetery to prevent
- 14 <u>an overgrowth of grass and weeds; the failure to trim shrubs</u>
- 15 to prevent excessive overgrowth; the failure to trim trees so
- 16 <u>as to remove dead limbs; the failure to keep in repair the</u>
- 17 <u>drains, water lines, roads, buildings, fences, and other</u>
- 18 structures of the cemetery premises; or the failure to keep
- 19 <u>the cemetery premises free of trash and debris.</u>
- 20 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 576.)
- 21 Section 20. The Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act is
- 22 amended by changing Sections 1a, 1a-1, 2, 2a, 3, 3a, 3e, 3f,
- 4, 7.2, and 8 and by adding Sections 3a-5 and 8.1 as follows:
- 24 (225 ILCS 45/1a) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.101a)
- Sec. 1a. For the purposes of this Act, the following
- 26 terms shall have the meanings specified, unless the context
- 27 clearly requires another meaning:
- 28 "Beneficiary" means the person specified in the pre-need
- 29 contract upon whose death funeral services or merchandise
- 30 shall be provided or delivered.
- "Licensee" means a seller of a pre-need contract who has
- 32 been licensed by the Comptroller under this Act.

- 1 "Outer burial container" means any container made of
- 2 concrete, steel, wood, fiberglass or similar material, used
- 3 solely at the interment site, and designed and used
- 4 exclusively to surround or enclose a separate casket and to
- 5 support the earth above such casket, commonly known as a
- 6 burial vault, grave box or grave liner, but not including a
- 7 lawn crypt as defined in the Illinois Pre-need Cemetery Sales
- 8 Act.
- 9 <u>"Parent company" means a corporation that has a</u>
- 10 <u>controlling interest in another corporation.</u>
- "Person" means any person, partnership, association,
- 12 corporation, or other entity.
- "Pre-need contract" means any agreement or contract, or
- 14 any series or combination of agreements or contracts, whether
- 15 funded by trust deposits or life insurance policies or
- 16 annuities, which has for a purpose the furnishing or
- 17 performance of funeral services or the furnishing or delivery
- 18 of any personal property, merchandise, or services of any
- 19 nature in connection with the final disposition of a dead
- 20 human body. Nothing in this Act is intended to regulate the
- 21 content of a life insurance policy or a tax-deferred annuity.
- 22 "Provider" means a person who is obligated for furnishing
- or performing funeral services or the furnishing or delivery
- of any personal property, merchandise, or services of any
- 25 nature in connection with the final disposition of a dead
- human body.
- 27 "Purchaser" means the person who originally paid the
- 28 money under or in connection with a pre-need contract.
- "Sales proceeds" means the entire amount paid to a
- 30 seller, exclusive of sales taxes paid by the seller, finance
- 31 charges paid by the purchaser, and credit life, accident or
- 32 disability insurance premiums, upon any agreement or
- 33 contract, or series or combination of agreements or
- 34 contracts, for the purpose of performing funeral services or

- 1 furnishing personal property, merchandise, or services of any
- 2 nature in connection with the final disposition of a dead
- 3 human body, including, but not limited to, the retail price
- 4 paid for such services and personal property and merchandise.
- 5 "Purchase price" means the sales proceeds less finance
- 6 charges on retail installment contracts.
- 7 "Seller" means the person who sells or offers to sell the
- 8 pre-need contract to a purchaser, whether funded by a trust
- 9 agreement, life insurance policy, or tax-deferred annuity.
- "Trustee" means a person authorized to hold funds under
- 11 this Act.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 88-477.)
- 13 (225 ILCS 45/1a-1)
- 14 Sec. 1a-1. Pre-need contracts.
- 15 (a) It shall be unlawful for any seller doing business
- 16 within this State to accept sales proceeds from a purchaser,
- 17 either directly or indirectly by any means, unless the seller
- 18 enters into a pre-need contract with the purchaser which
- 19 meets the following requirements:
- 20 (1) It states the name and address of the principal
- office of the <u>seller and the parent company of the</u>
- 22 <u>seller, if any</u> provider, or elearly-discloses-that-the
- 23 provider--will--be--selected--by--the--purchaser--or--the
- 24 purchaser's-survivor-or-legal-representative-at--a--later
- 25 date,-except-that-no-contract-shall-contain-any-provision
- 26 restricting--the--right--of-the-contract-purchaser-during
- 27 his-or-her-lifetime-in-making-his-or-her-own-selection-of
- 28 a-provider.
- 29 (2) It clearly identifies the <u>provider's</u> seller's
- name and address, the purchaser, and the beneficiary, if
- other than the purchaser,-and-the-provider,-if--different
- than--the--seller--or-discloses-that-the-provider-will-be
- 33 selected-at-a-later-date.

1	(2.5) If the provider has branch locations, the
2	contract gives the purchaser the opportunity to identify
3	the branch at which the funeral will be provided.
4	(3) It contains a complete description of the
5	funeral merchandise and services to be provided and the
6	price of the merchandise and services, and it clearly
7	discloses whether the price of the merchandise and
8	services is guaranteed or not guaranteed as to price.
9	(A) Each guaranteed price contract shall
10	contain the following statement in 12 point bold
11	type:
12	THIS CONTRACT GUARANTEES THE BENEFICIARY THE
13	SPECIFIC GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACTED FOR. NO
14	ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY BE REQUIRED. FOR DESIGNATED
15	GOODS AND SERVICES, ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY BE
16	INCURRED FOR UNEXPECTED EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT
17	LIMITED TO, CASH ADVANCES, SHIPPING OF REMAINS FROM
18	A DISTANT PLACE, OR DESIGNATED HONORARIA ORDERED OR
19	DIRECTED BY SURVIVORS.
20	(B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of
21	this paragraph (3), each non-guaranteed price
22	contract shall contain the following statement in 12
23	point bold type:
24	THIS CONTRACT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE PRICE THE
25	BENEFICIARY WILL PAY FOR ANY SPECIFIC GOODS OR
26	SERVICES. ANY FUNDS PAID UNDER THIS CONTRACT ARE
27	ONLY A DEPOSIT TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE FINAL PRICE
28	OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES CONTRACTED FOR. ADDITIONAL
29	CHARGES MAY BE REQUIRED.
30	(C) If a non-guaranteed price contract may
31	subsequently become guaranteed, the contract shall
32	clearly disclose the nature of the guarantee and the
33	time, occurrence, or event upon which the contract
34	shall become a guaranteed price contract.

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- (5) It discloses any penalties or restrictions, including but not limited to geographic restrictions or the inability of the provider,-if-selected, to perform, on the delivery of merchandise, services, or pre-need contract guarantees.
- (6) Regardless of the method of funding the pre-need contract, the following must be disclosed:
 - (A) Whether the pre-need contract is to be funded by a trust, life insurance, or an annuity;
 - (B) The nature of the relationship among the person entity funding the pre-need contract, the
 provider, if-selected, and the seller; and
 - (C) The impact on the pre-need contract of (i) any changes in the funding arrangement including but not limited to changes in the assignment, beneficiary designation, or use of the funds; (ii) any <u>specific</u> penalties to be incurred by contract purchaser as a result of failure to make payments; (iii) penalties to be incurred or moneys be received as a result of refunds to cancellations; and (iv) all relevant information concerning what occurs and whether any entitlements or obligations arise if there is a difference between the proceeds of the particular funding arrangement and the amount actually needed to pay for the funeral at-need \cdot \div -and
 - (D) The method of changing or-selecting-the designation-of the provider.

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- (b) All pre-need contracts are subject to the Federal Trade Commission Rule concerning the Cooling-Off Period for Door-to-Door Sales (16 CFR Part 429).
- 4 No pre-need contract shall be sold in this State (C) 5 unless there is a provider for the services and personal property being sold,-or-unless-disclosure-has--been--made--by 6 7 the--seller-as-provided-in-subdivision-(a)(1). If the seller 8 is not a provider and-a-provider-has-been-selected, then the 9 seller must have a binding agreement with a provider, and the identity of the provider and the nature of the agreement 10 11 between the seller and the provider shall be disclosed in the pre-need contract at the time of the sale and before the 12 13 receipt of any sales proceeds. Any-subsequent-change-made-in the--identity-of-the-provider-shall-be-approved-in-writing-by 14 15 the-purchaser-and-beneficiary-within-30-days-after-it-occurs-16 The failure to disclose the identity of the provider, the nature of the agreement between the seller and the provider, 17 or any changes thereto to the purchaser and beneficiary, or 18 19 the failure to make the disclosures required in subdivision 20 (a)(1), constitutes an intentional violation of this Act.
 - (d) All pre-need contracts must be in writing <u>in at least 12 point type</u>, numbered, and executed in duplicate and no-pre-need-contract-form-shall-be-used-without-prior--filing with-the-Comptroller. A signed copy of the pre-need contract must be provided to the purchaser at the time of entry into the pre-need contract. The--Comptroller--shall--review--all pre-need-contract--forms--and--shall--prohibit--the--use--of contract-forms-which-do-not-meet-the-requirements-of-this-Act upon---written--notification--to--the--seller. Any use or attempted use of any oral pre-need contract or any written pre-need contract in a form-not-filed-with-the-Comptroller-or in--a form which does not meet the requirements of this Act shall be deemed a violation of this Act and is voidable by the purchaser without penalty. Life--insurance-policies,

- 1 tax-deferred-annuities,-endorsements,-riders,-or-applications
- 2 for-life-insurance-or-tax-deferred-annuities-are-not--subject
- 3 to--filing-with-the-Comptroller. The Comptroller may by rule
- 4 develop a model pre-need contract form which meets the
- 5 requirements of this Act.
- 6 (e) The State Comptroller shall by rule develop a
- 7 booklet for consumers in plain English describing the scope,
- 8 application, and consumer protections of this Act. After the
- 9 adoption of these rules, no pre-need contract shall be sold
- 10 in this State unless the seller (i) distributes to the
- 11 purchaser prior to the sale a booklet promulgated or approved
- for use by the State Comptroller and (ii) explains to the
- 13 purchaser the terms of the pre-need contract prior to the
- 14 <u>purchaser's signing</u>.
- 15 (f) All sales proceeds received in connection with a
- 16 pre-need contract shall be deposited into a trust account as
- 17 provided in Section 1b and Section 2 of this Act, or shall be
- 18 used to purchase a life insurance policy or tax-deferred
- 19 annuity as provided in Section 2a of this Act.
- 20 (g) No pre-need contract shall be sold in this State
- 21 unless it is accompanied by a funding mechanism permitted
- 22 under this Act, and unless the seller is licensed by the
- 23 Comptroller as provided in Section 3 of this Act. Nothing in
- 24 this Act is intended to relieve sellers of pre-need contracts
- 25 from being licensed under any other Act required for their
- 26 profession or business, and being subject to the rules
- 27 promulgated to regulate their profession or business,
- including rules on solicitation and advertisement.
- 29 (Source: P.A. 90-47, eff. 1-1-98.)
- 30 (225 ILCS 45/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.102)
- 31 Sec. 2. (a) If a purchaser selects a trust arrangement
- 32 to fund the pre-need contract, all trust deposits as
- 33 determined by Section 1b shall be made within 30 days of

- 1 receipt.
- 2 (b) A trust established under this Act must be 3 maintained:
- (1) in a trust account established in a bank,
 savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit
 union authorized to do business in Illinois in which
 accounts are insured by an agency of the federal
 government; or
- 9 (2) in a trust company authorized to do business in Illinois.
- 11 (c) Trust agreements and amendments to the trust
 12 agreements used to fund a pre-need contract shall be filed
 13 with the Comptroller.
- (d) (Blank). Trust-agreements-shall-follow-the-format-of the---standard--Funeral--Trust--Agreements--approved--by--the Comptroller-for-guaranteed-or--non-guaranteed--price--funeral plans.
- A seller or provider shall furnish to the trustee 18 (e) 19 and depositary the name of each payor and the amount of payment on each such account for which deposit is being so 20 21 made. Nothing shall prevent the trustee or a seller or provider acting as a trustee in accordance with this Act from 22 23 commingling the deposits in any such trust fund for purposes of its management and the investment of its funds as provided 24 25 in the Common Trust Fund Act. In addition, multiple trust maintained under this Act may be commingled or 26 commingled with other funeral or burial related trust funds 27 if all record keeping requirements imposed by law are met. 28
- 29 (f) Trust funds may be maintained in a financial 30 institution described in subsection (b) which is located in a 31 state adjoining this State where: (1) the financial 32 institution is located within 50 miles of the border of this 33 State, (2) its accounts are federally insured, and (3) it has 34 registered with the Illinois Secretary of State for purposes

- 1 of service of process.
- 2 (g) Upon notice to the Comptroller, the seller may
- 3 change the trustee of the fund.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 88-477.)
- 5 (225 ILCS 45/2a)
- 6 Sec. 2a. Purchase of insurance or annuity.
- 7 (a) If a purchaser selects the purchase of a life
- 8 insurance policy or tax-deferred annuity contract to fund the
- 9 pre-need contract, the application and collected premium
- 10 shall be mailed within 30 days of signing the pre-need
- 11 contract.
- 12 (b) If life insurance or an annuity is used to fund a
- 13 pre-need contract, the seller or provider shall not be named
- 14 as the owner or beneficiary of the policy or annuity. No
- 15 person whose only insurable interest in the insured is the
- 16 receipt of proceeds from the policy or in naming who shall
- 17 receive the proceeds nor any trust acting on behalf of such
- 18 person or seller or provider shall be named as owner or
- 19 beneficiary of the policy or annuity.
- 20 (c) Nothing shall prohibit the purchaser from
- 21 irrevocably assigning ownership of the policy or annuity used
- 22 to fund a guaranteed price pre-need contract to a person or
- 23 trust for the purpose of obtaining favorable consideration
- for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, or another public
- 25 assistance program, as permitted under federal law. The
- 26 <u>seller or contract provider may be named a nominal owner of</u>
- 27 the life insurance policy only for such time as it takes to
- 28 <u>immediately transfer the policy into a trust.</u> Except for
- 29 <u>this purpose</u>, <u>neither the seller nor the contract provider</u>
- 30 shall be named the owner or the beneficiary of the policy or
- 31 <u>annuity.</u> 7--except--that-neither-the-seller-nor-the-contract
- 32 provider-shall-be-named-the-owner-of-the-policy-or-annuity.
- 33 (d) If a life insurance policy or annuity contract is

- 1 used to fund a pre-need contract, except for guaranteed price
- 2 contracts permitted in Section 4(a) of this Act, the pre-need
- 3 contract must be revocable, and any the assignment provision
- 4 in the pre-need contract must contain the following
- 5 disclosure in 12 point bold type:
- 6 THIS ASSIGNMENT MAY BE REVOKED BY THE ASSIGNOR OR
- 7 ASSIGNOR'S SUCCESSOR OR, IF THE ASSIGNOR IS ALSO THE INSURED
- 8 AND DECEASED, BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSURED'S ESTATE
- 9 BEFORE THE RENDERING TO THE CEMETERY SERVICES OR GOODS OR
- 10 FUNERAL SERVICES OR GOODS. IF THE ASSIGNMENT IS REVOKED, THE
- 11 DEATH BENEFIT UNDER THE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY OR ANNUITY
- 12 CONTRACT SHALL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BENEFICIARY
- 13 DESIGNATION UNDER THE INSURANCE POLICY OR ANNUITY CONTRACT.
- (e) Sales proceeds shall not be used to purchase life
- 15 insurance policies or tax-deferred annuities unless the
- 16 company issuing the life insurance policies or tax-deferred
- 17 annuities is licensed with the Illinois Department of
- 18 Insurance, and the insurance producer or annuity seller is
- 19 licensed to do business in the State of Illinois.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 88-477.)
- 21 (225 ILCS 45/3) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.103)
- 22 Sec. 3. <u>Licensing</u>.
- 23 (a) No person, firm, partnership, association or
- 24 corporation may act as seller without first securing from the
- 25 State Comptroller a license to so act. Application for such
- license shall be in writing, signed by the applicant and duly
- 27 verified on forms furnished by the Comptroller. Each
- application shall contain at least the following:
- 29 (1) The full name and address (both residence and
- 30 place of business) of the applicant, and every member,
- officer and director thereof if the applicant is a firm,
- partnership, association, or corporation, and of every
- 33 <u>shareholder holding more than 10% of the corporate stock</u>

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- (2) A statement of the applicant's <u>assets and</u> <u>liabilities</u> approximate-net-worth;
- (3) The name and address of the applicant's principal place of business at which the books, accounts, and records shall be available for examination by the Comptroller as required by this Act;
- (4) The names and addresses of the applicant's branch locations at which pre-need sales shall be conducted and which shall operate under the same license number as the applicant's principal place of business;
- (5) For each individual listed under item (1) above, a detailed statement of the individual's business experience for the 10 years immediately preceding the application; any present or prior connection between the individual and any other person engaged in pre-need sales; any felony or misdemeanor convictions for which fraud was an essential element; any charges or complaints lodged against the individual for which fraud was an essential element and which resulted in civil or criminal litigation; any failure of the individual to satisfy an enforceable judgment entered against him based upon fraud; and any other information requested by the Comptroller relating to past business practices of the individual. Since the information required by this item (5) may be confidential or contain proprietary information, this information shall not be available to other licensees or the general public and shall be used only for the lawful purposes of the Comptroller in enforcing this Act;

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1 (6) The name of the trustee and, if applicable, the
2 names of the advisors to the trustee, including a copy of
3 the proposed trust agreement under which the trust funds
4 are to be held as required by this Act; and

(7) Such other information as the Comptroller may reasonably require in order to determine the qualification of the applicant to be licensed under this Act. and-(3)

8 Act. and -(3)9 (b) Applications for license shall be accompanied by a fidelity bond executed by the applicant and a surety company 10 11 authorized to do business in this State or an irrevocable, unconditional letter of credit issued by a bank, credit 12 13 union, or trust company authorized to do business in the Illinois, as approved by the State Comptroller, in 14 State of 15 such amount not exceeding \$10,000 as the Comptroller may 16 Individual--salespersons--employed--by--a-licensee shall-not-be-required-to-obtain-licenses-in-their--individual 17 capacities --- Upon -- receipt -- of -- such - application - and - bond - or 18 19 letter-of-credit-the-Comptroller-shall-issue-a-license-unless 20 he-or-she-shall-determine-that-the-applicant-has--made--false 2.1 statements--or--representations--in--such--application,-or-is 22 insolvent,-or-has--conducted--or--is--about--to--conduct--his 23 business-in-a-fraudulent-manner,-or-is-not-duly-authorized-to 24 transact--business--in-this-State.-Such-license-shall-be-kept 25 conspicuously--posted--in--the--place--of--business--of---the 26 licensee. If, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, it has been determined that a licensee has violated this Act 27 within the past 5 calendar years, or if a licensee does not 28 retain a corporate fiduciary, as defined in the Corporate 29 30 Fiduciary Act, to manage the funds in trust pursuant to this Act, the Comptroller may require an additional bond or letter 31 of credit from the licensee from time to time in amounts 32 equal to one-tenth of such trust funds, which bond or letter 33

of credit shall run to the Comptroller for the use and

benefit of the beneficiaries of such trust funds.

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2 The licensee shall keep accurate accounts, books and records in this State, at the principal place of business 3 4 identified in the licensee's license application or as otherwise approved by the Comptroller in writing, of 5 all 6 transactions, copies of all pre-need contracts, trust 7 agreements, and other agreements, dates and amounts of 8 payments made and accepted thereon, the names and addresses 9 of the contracting parties, the persons for whose benefit such funds are accepted, and the names of the depositaries of 10 11 such funds. Each licensee shall maintain the documentation 12 for a period of 3 years after the licensee has fulfilled his 13 obligations under the pre-need contract. Additionally, for a period not to exceed 6 months after the performance of all 14 terms in a pre-need sales contract, the licensee shall 15 maintain copies of the contract at the licensee branch 16 17 <u>location</u> where the contract was entered. If an insurance policy or tax-deferred annuity is used to fund the pre-need 18 19 contract, the licensee under this Act shall keep and maintain accurate accounts, books, and records in this State, at the 20 principal place of business identified in the licensee's 21 22 application or as otherwise approved by the Comptroller in 23 writing, of all insurance policies and tax-deferred annuities used to fund the pre-need contract, the name and address of 24 25 insured, annuitant, and initial beneficiary, and the name and 26 address of the insurance company issuing the policy or annuity. If a life insurance policy or tax-deferred annuity 27 is used to fund a pre-need contract, the licensee shall 28 29 notify the insurance company of the name of each pre-need 30 contract purchaser and the amount of each payment when the pre-need contract, insurance policy or annuity is purchased. 31 The licensee shall make reports to the Comptroller 32 33 annually or at such other time as the Comptroller may 34 require, on forms furnished by the Comptroller. The licensee

1 shall file the annual report with the Comptroller within 75 2 days after the end of the licensee's fiscal year. The Comptroller shall for good cause shown grant an extension for 3 4 the filing of the annual report upon the written request of 5 the licensee. Such extension shall not exceed 60 days. If a 6 licensee fails to submit an annual report to the Comptroller 7 within the time specified in this Section, the Comptroller 8 shall impose upon the licensee a penalty of \$5 for each and 9 every day the licensee remains delinquent in submitting the annual report. Every application shall be accompanied by a 10 11 check or money order in the amount of \$25 and every report 12 shall be accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of \$10 payable to: Comptroller, State of Illinois. 13

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The licensee shall make all required books and records pertaining to trust funds, insurance policies, tax-deferred annuities available to the Comptroller for examination. The Comptroller, or a person designated by Comptroller who is trained to perform such examinations, may at any time investigate the books, records and accounts of the licensee with respect to trust funds, insurance policies, or tax-deferred annuities and for that purpose may require the attendance of and examine under oath all persons whose testimony he may require. The licensee shall pay a fee for such examination in accordance with a schedule established by the Comptroller. The fee shall not exceed the cost of such examination. For pre-need contracts funded by trust arrangements, the cost of an initial examination shall borne by the licensee if it has \$10,000 or more in trust funds, otherwise, by the Comptroller. The charge made by the Comptroller for an examination shall be based upon the total amount of trust funds held by the licensee at the end of the calendar or fiscal year for which the report is required by this Act and shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

1	Less than \$10,000no charge;
2	\$10,000 or more but less than \$50,000\$10;
3	\$50,000 or more but less than \$100,000\$40;
4	\$100,000 or more but less than \$250,000\$80;
5	\$250,000 or more\$100.
6	The Comptroller may order additional audits or
7	examinations as he or she may deem necessary or advisable to
8	ensure the safety and stability of the trust funds and to
9	ensure compliance with this Act. These additional audits or
10	examinations shall only be made after good cause is
11	established by the Comptroller in the written order. The
12	grounds for ordering these additional audits or examinations
13	may include, but shall not be limited to:
14	(1) material and unverified changes or fluctuations
15	in trust balances or insurance or annuity policy amounts;
16	(2) the licensee changing trustees more than twice
17	in any 12-month period;
18	(3) any withdrawals or attempted withdrawals from
19	the trusts, insurance policies, or annuity contracts in
20	violation of this Act; or
21	(4) failure to maintain or produce documentation
22	required by this Act for deposits into trust accounts,
23	trust investment activities, or life insurance or annuity
24	policies.
25	Prior to ordering an additional audit or examination, the
26	Comptroller shall request the licensee to respond and comment
27	upon the factors identified by the Comptroller as warranting
28	the subsequent examination or audit. The licensee shall have
29	30 days to provide a response to the Comptroller. If the
30	Comptroller decides to proceed with the additional
31	examination or audit, the licensee shall bear the full cost
32	of that examination or audit, up to a maximum of \$7,500. The
33	Comptroller may elect to pay for the examination or audit and
34	receive reimbursement from the licensee. Payment of the

- 1 costs of the examination or audit by a licensee shall be a
- 2 condition of receiving, maintaining, or renewing a license
- 3 under this Act. All moneys received by the Comptroller for
- 4 examination or audit fees shall be maintained in a separate
- 5 account to be known as the Comptroller's Administrative Fund.
- 6 This Fund, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly,
- 7 may be utilized by the Comptroller for enforcing this Act and
- 8 other purposes that may be authorized by law.
- 9 For pre-need contracts funded by life insurance or a
- 10 tax-deferred annuity, the cost of an examination shall be
- 11 borne by the licensee if it has received \$10,000 or more in
- 12 premiums during the preceding calendar year. The fee schedule
- 13 for such examination shall be established in rules
- 14 promulgated by the Comptroller. In the event such
- 15 investigation or other information received by the
- 16 Comptroller discloses a substantial violation of the
- 17 requirements of this Act, the Comptroller shall revoke the
- 18 license of such person upon a hearing as provided in this
- 19 Act. Such licensee may terminate all further responsibility
- 20 for compliance with the requirements of this Act by
- 21 voluntarily surrendering the license to the Comptroller, or
- in the event of its loss, furnishing the Comptroller with a
- 23 sworn statement to that effect, which states the licensee's
- 24 intention to discontinue acceptance of funds received under
- 25 pre-need contracts. Such license or statement must be
- 26 accompanied by an affidavit that said licensee has lawfully
- 27 expended or refunded all funds received under pre-need
- 28 contracts, and that the licensee will accept no additional
- 29 sales proceeds. The Comptroller shall immediately cancel or
- 30 revoke said license.
- 31 (Source: P.A. 88-477; 89-615, eff. 8-9-96.)
- 32 (225 ILCS 45/3a) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.103a)
- 33 Sec. 3a. <u>Denial</u>, <u>suspension</u>, <u>or revocation of license</u>.

1	(a) The Comptroller may refuse to issue or may suspend
2	or revoke a license on any of the following grounds:
3	(1) The applicant or licensee has made any
4	misrepresentations or false statements or concealed any
5	material fact.
6	(2) The applicant or licensee is insolvent.
7	(3) The applicant or licensee has been engaged in
8	business practices that work a fraud.
9	(4) The applicant or licensee has refused to give
10	pertinent data to the Comptroller.
11	(5) The applicant or licensee has failed to satisfy
12	any enforceable judgment or decree rendered by any court
13	of competent jurisdiction against the applicant.
14	(6) The applicant or licensee has conducted or is
15	about to conduct business in a fraudulent manner.
16	(7) The trustee advisors or the trust agreement is
17	not satisfactory to the Comptroller.
18	(8) The fidelity bond is not satisfactory to the
19	Comptroller.
20	(9) As to any individual, the individual has
21	conducted or is about to conduct any business on behalf
22	of the applicant in a fraudulent manner; has been
23	convicted of any felony or misdemeanor, an essential
24	element of which is fraud; has had a judgment rendered
25	against him or her based on fraud in any civil
26	litigation; has failed to satisfy any enforceable
27	judgment or decree rendered against him or her by any
28	court of competent jurisdiction; or has been convicted of
29	any felony or any theft-related offense.
30	(10) The applicant or licensee, including any
31	member, officer, or director thereof if the applicant or
32	licensee is a firm, partnership, association or
33	corporation and any shareholder holding more than 10% of
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Act or any regulation, decision, order, or finding made

by the Comptroller under this Act.

(11) The Comptroller finds any fact or condition existing which, if it had existed at the time of the original application for such license, would have warranted the Comptroller in refusing the issuance of the license.

(b) Before refusal to issue or renew and before suspension or revocation of a license, the Comptroller shall hold a hearing to determine whether the applicant licensee, hereinafter referred to as the respondent, is entitled to hold such a license. At least 10 days prior to the date set for such hearing, the Comptroller shall notify the respondent in writing that on the date designated a hearing will be held to determine his eligibility for a license and that he may appear in person or by counsel. Such written notice may be served on the respondent personally, or by registered or certified mail sent to the respondent's business address as shown in his latest notification to the Comptroller. At the hearing, both the respondent and the complainant shall be accorded ample opportunity to present in person or by counsel such statements, testimony, evidence and argument as may be pertinent to the charges or to any defense The Comptroller may reasonably continue such thereto. hearing from time to time.

The Comptroller may subpoena any person or persons in this State and take testimony orally, by deposition or by exhibit, in the same manner and with the same fees and mileage allowances as prescribed in judicial proceedings in civil cases.

Any authorized agent of the Comptroller may administer oaths to witnesses at any hearing which the Comptroller is authorized to conduct.

34 (Source: P.A. 84-839.)

- 1 (225 ILCS 45/3a-5 new)
- 2 <u>Section 3a-5. License requirements.</u>
- 3 (a) Every license issued by the Comptroller shall state
- 4 the number of the license, the business name and address of
- 5 <u>the licensee's principal place of business, each branch</u>
- 6 <u>location also operating under the license, and the licensee's</u>
- 7 parent company, if any. The license shall be conspicuously
- 8 posted in each place of business operating under the license.
- 9 The Comptroller may issue such additional licenses as may be
- 10 <u>necessary for licensee branch locations upon compliance with</u>
- 11 the provisions of this Act governing an original issuance of
- 12 <u>a license for each new license.</u>
- 13 (b) Individual salespersons representing a licensee
- 14 <u>shall not be required to obtain licenses in their individual</u>
- 15 capacities, but must acknowledge, by affidavit, that they
- 16 <u>have been educated in the provisions of this Act and</u>
- 17 <u>understand the penalties for failure to comply. The licensee</u>
- 18 <u>shall retain copies of the affidavits of its sellers for its</u>
- 19 records and shall make the affidavits available to the
- 20 <u>Comptroller for examination upon request.</u>
- 21 <u>(c) The licensee shall be responsible for the activities</u>
- 22 <u>of any person representing the licensee in selling or</u>
- 23 <u>offering a pre-need contract for sale.</u>
- 24 (d) Any person not selling on behalf of a licensee shall
- obtain its own license.
- 26 (e) No license shall be transferable or assignable
- 27 <u>without the express written consent of the Comptroller. A</u>
- 28 <u>transfer of more than 50% of the ownership of any business</u>
- 29 <u>licensed hereunder shall be deemed to be an attempted</u>
- 30 <u>assignment of the license originally issued to the licensee</u>
- for which consent of the Comptroller shall be required.
- 32 <u>(f) Every license issued hereunder shall remain in force</u>
- 33 <u>until it has been suspended, surrendered, or revoked in</u>
- 34 <u>accordance</u> with this Act. The Comptroller, upon the request

- of an interested person or on his own motion, may issue new
- 2 <u>licenses to a licensee whose license or licenses have been</u>
- 3 revoked, if no factor or condition then exists which would
- 4 <u>have warranted the Comptroller to originally refuse the</u>
- 5 <u>issuance of such license.</u>
- 6 (225 ILCS 45/3e) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.103e)
- 7 Sec. 3e. Upon the revocation of, suspension of, or
- 8 refusal to renew any license, the licensee shall immediately
- 9 surrender the license or licenses and--any--branch--office
- 10 licenses to the Comptroller. If the licensee fails to do so,
- 11 the Comptroller shall have the right to seize the same.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 84-839.)
- 13 (225 ILCS 45/3f)
- 14 Sec. 3f. Revocation of license.
- 15 <u>(a) The Comptroller, upon determination that grounds</u>
- 16 <u>exist for the revocation or suspension of a license issued</u>
- 17 <u>under this Act, may revoke or suspend the license issued to a</u>
- 18 particular branch office location with respect to which the
- 19 grounds for revocation or suspension may occur or exist.
- 20 (b) Whenever a license is revoked by the Comptroller, he
- or she shall apply to the Circuit Court of the county wherein
- 22 the licensee is located for a receiver to administer the
- 23 trust funds of the licensee or to maintain the life insurance
- 24 policies and tax-deferred annuities held by the licensee
- under a pre-need contract.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 88-477.)
- 27 (225 ILCS 45/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.104)
- Sec. 4. Withdrawal of funds; revocability of contract.
- 29 (a) The amount or amounts so deposited into trust, with
- 30 interest thereon, if any, shall not be withdrawn until the
- 31 death of the person or persons for whose funeral or burial

1 such funds were paid, unless sooner withdrawn and repaid to 2 the person who originally paid the money under or in connection with the pre-need contract or to his or her legal 3 4 representative. The life insurance policies or tax-deferred 5 annuities shall not be surrendered until the death of б person or persons for whose funeral or burial the policies or 7 annuities were purchased, unless sooner surrendered and 8 repaid to the owner of the policy purchased under or in 9 connection with the pre-need contract or to his or her representative. If, however, the agreement or series of 10 11 agreements provides for forfeiture and retention of any or 12 all payments as and for liquidated damages as provided in Section 6, then the trustee may withdraw the deposits. 13 addition, nothing in this Section (i) prohibits the change of 14 depositary by the trustee and the transfer of trust funds 15 16 from one depositary to another or (ii) prohibits a contract purchaser who is or may become eligible for public assistance 17 18 under any applicable federal or State law or local ordinance 19 including, but not limited to, eligibility under 24 C.F.R., Part 913 relating to family insurance under federal Housing 20 2.1 and Urban Development Policy from irrevocably waiving, 22 writing, and renouncing the right to cancel a pre-need 23 contract for funeral services in an amount prescribed by rule of the Illinois Department of Public Aid. No guaranteed price 24 25 pre-need funeral contract may prohibit a purchaser from making a contract irrevocable to the extent that federal law 26 27 or regulations require that such a contract be irrevocable for purposes of the purchaser's eligibility for Supplemental 28 29 Security Income benefits, Medicaid, or another public 30 assistance program, as permitted under federal law. 31

(b) If for any reason a seller--er provider who has engaged in pre-need sales has refused, cannot, or does not comply with the terms of the pre-need contract within a reasonable time after he or she is required to do so, the

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1 purchaser or his or her heirs or assigns or duly authorized 2 representative shall have the right to a refund of an amount 3 equal to the sales proceeds price paid for undelivered 4 merchandise or services plus otherwise earned undistributed 5 interest amounts held in trust attributable to the contract, 6 within 30 days of the filing of a sworn affidavit with the 7 trustee setting forth the existence of the contract and the 8 fact of breach. A copy of this affidavit shall be filed with 9 the Comptroller and the seller. In the event a seller is prevented from performing by strike, shortage of materials, 10 11 civil disorder, natural disaster, or any like occurrence beyond the control of the seller or provider, the seller or 12 13 provider's time for performance shall be extended by the length of the delay. Nothing in this Section shall relieve 14 15 the seller or provider from any liability for non-performance 16 of his or her obligations under the pre-need contract.

(c) After final payment on a pre-need contract, any purchaser may, upon written demand to a seller, demand that the pre-need contract with the seller be terminated. The seller shall, within 30 days, initiate a refund to the purchaser of the entire amount held in trust attributable to undelivered merchandise and unperformed services, including otherwise earned undistributed interest earned thereon or the cash surrender value of a life insurance policy or tax-deferred annuity.

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(c-5) If no funeral merchandise or services are provided or if the funeral is conducted by another person, the seller may keep no more than 10% of the payments made under the pre-need contract or \$300, whichever sum is less. The remainder of the trust funds or insurance or annuity proceeds shall be forwarded to the legal heirs of the deceased or as determined by probate action.

33 (d) The placement and retention of all or a portion of a 34 casket, combination casket-vault, urn, or outer burial

1 container comprised of materials which are designed to 2 withstand prolonged storage in the manner set forth in this paragraph without adversely affecting 3 the structural 4 integrity or aesthetic characteristics of such merchandise in 5 a specific burial space in which the person or persons for 6 whose funeral or burial the merchandise was intended has a 7 right of interment, or the placement of the merchandise in a 8 specific mausoleum crypt or lawn crypt in which such person 9 has a right of entombment, or the placement merchandise in a specific niche in which such person has a 10 11 right of inurnment, or delivery to such person and retention by such person until the time of need shall constitute actual 12 delivery to the person who originally paid the money under or 13 in connection with said agreement or series of agreements. 14 Actual delivery shall eliminate, from and after the date of 15 16 actual delivery, any requirement under this Act to place or retain in trust any funds received for the sale of such 17 18 merchandise. The delivery, prior to the time of need, of any 19 funeral or burial merchandise in any manner other than authorized by this Section shall not constitute actual 20 21 delivery and shall not eliminate any requirement under this 22 Act to place or retain in trust any funds received for the 23 sale of such merchandise.

24 (Source: P.A. 87-1091; 88-477.)

25 (225 ILCS 45/7.2)

Sec. 7.2. Investigation of unlawful practices. If it appears to the Comptroller that a person has engaged in, is engaging in, or is about to engage in any practice in violation of declared--to--be--unlawful--by this Act, the Comptroller may:

31 (1) require that person to file on such terms as 32 the Comptroller prescribes a statement or report in 33 writing, under oath or otherwise, containing all

- information the Comptroller may consider necessary to ascertain whether a licensee is in compliance with this Act, or whether an unlicensed person is engaging in activities for which a license is required;
 - (2) examine under oath any person in connection with the books and records pertaining to or having an impact upon trust funds, insurance policies, or tax deferred annuities required or allowed to be maintained pursuant to this Act;
- 10 (3) examine any books and records of the licensee, 11 trustee, or investment advisor that the Comptroller may 12 consider necessary to ascertain compliance with this Act; 13 and
- 14 (4) require the production of a copy of any record,
 15 book, document, account, or paper that is produced in
 16 accordance with this Act and retain it in his or her
 17 possession until the completion of all proceedings in
 18 connection with which it is produced.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 89-615, eff. 8-9-96.)

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- 20 (225 ILCS 45/8) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.108)
- 21 Sec. 8. Any person who intentionally violates any 22 provision of this Act is guilty of a Class 4 felony.
- If any person intentionally violates this Act or fails or 23 24 refuses to comply with any order of the Comptroller or any part of an order that has become final to the person and is 25 still in effect, the Comptroller may, after notice and 26 hearing at which it is determined that a violation of this 27 Act or the order has been committed, further order that the 28 29 person shall forfeit and pay to the State of Illinois a sum not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation. This liability 30 31 shall be enforced in an action brought in any court of competent jurisdiction by the Comptroller in the name of the 32 People of the State of Illinois. 33

- 1 Any--violation--of--this--Act--for--which--a--fine-may-be
- 2 assessed-shall-be-established-by--rules--promulgated--by--the
- 3 Comptroller.
- 4 In addition to the other penalties and remedies provided
- 5 in this Act, the Comptroller may bring a civil action in the
- 6 county of residence of the licensee or any person accepting
- 7 trust funds to enjoin any violation or threatened violation
- 8 of this Act.
- 9 The powers vested in the Comptroller by this Section are
- in addition to any and all other powers and remedies vested
- in the Comptroller by law.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 88-477.)
- 13 (225 ILCS 45/8.1 new)
- 14 Sec. 8.1. Sales; liability of purchaser for shortage. In
- 15 <u>the event of a sale or transfer of all or substantially all</u>
- of the assets of the licensee, the sale or transfer of the
- 17 <u>controlling interest of the corporate stock of the licensee</u>
- 18 <u>if the licensee is a corporation, the sale or transfer of the</u>
- 19 <u>controlling interest of the partnership if the licensee is a</u>
- 20 partnership, or the sale of the licensee pursuant to
- 21 <u>foreclosure proceedings, the purchaser is liable for any</u>
- 22 <u>shortages existing before or after the sale in the trust</u>
- 23 <u>funds required to be maintained in a trust pursuant to this</u>
- 24 Act and shall honor all pre-need contracts and trusts entered
- 25 <u>into by the licensee. Any shortages existing in the trust</u>
- 26 <u>funds constitute a prior lien in favor of the trust for the</u>
- 27 <u>total value of the shortages, and notice of that lien shall</u>
- be provided in all sales instruments.
- 29 <u>In the event of a sale or transfer of all or</u>
- 30 <u>substantially all of the assets of the licensee</u>, the sale or
- 31 <u>transfer of the controlling interest of the corporate stock</u>
- 32 <u>of the licensee if the licensee is a corporation, or the sale</u>
- 33 <u>or transfer of the controlling interest of the partnership if</u>

- 1 the licensee is a partnership, the licensee shall, at least
- 2 <u>21 days prior to the sale or transfer, notify the</u>
- 3 Comptroller, in writing, of the pending date of sale or
- 4 <u>transfer so as to permit the Comptroller to audit the books</u>
- 5 and records of the licensee. The audit must be commenced
- 6 within 10 business days of the receipt of the notification
- 7 and completed within the 21-day notification period unless
- 8 the Comptroller notifies the licensee during that period that
- 9 there is a basis for determining a deficiency which will
- 10 <u>require additional time to finalize. The sale or transfer</u>
- 11 may not be completed by the licensee unless and until:
- 12 <u>(i) the Comptroller has completed the audit of the</u>
- licensee's books and records;
- 14 (ii) any delinquency existing in the trust funds has
- been paid by the licensee, or arrangements satisfactory
- 16 <u>to the Comptroller have been made by the licensee on the</u>
- sale or transfer for the payment of any delinquency; and
- 18 <u>(iii) the Comptroller issues a license upon</u>
- 19 <u>application of the new owner, which license must be</u>
- 20 <u>applied for within 30 days of the anticipated date of the</u>
- 21 <u>sale or transfer, subject to the payment of any</u>
- delinquencies, if any, as stated in item (ii).
- For purposes of this Section, a person, firm,
- 24 corporation, partnership, or institution that acquires the
- 25 <u>licensee through a real estate foreclosure shall be subject</u>
- 26 <u>to the provisions of this Section.</u>
- 27 Section 25. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
- 28 changing Section 12-4.11 as follows:
- 29 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.11) (from Ch. 23, par. 12-4.11)
- 30 Sec. 12-4.11. Grant amounts. The Department, with due
- 31 regard for and subject to budgetary limitations, shall
- 32 establish grant amounts for each of the programs, by

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regulation. The grant amounts may vary by program, size of assistance unit and geographic area.

Aid payments shall not be reduced except: (1) for changes 3 4 the cost of items included in the grant amounts, or (2) 5 for changes in the expenses of the recipient, or (3) for 6 changes in the income or resources available to the 7 recipient, or (4) for changes in grants resulting from adoption of a consolidated grant amount. 8

In fixing standards to govern payments or reimbursements for funeral and burial expenses, the Department shall establish a minimum allowable amount of not less than \$1,000 for Department payment of funeral services and not less than \$500 for Department payment of burial or cremation services. In establishing the minimum allowable amount, the Department shall take into account the services essential to a dignified, low-cost (i) funeral and (ii) burial or cremation, including reasonable amounts that may be necessary for burial space and cemetery charges, and any applicable taxes or other required governmental fees or charges. <u>If no person has</u> agreed to pay the total cost of the (i) funeral and (ii) burial or cremation charges, the Department shall pay the vendor the actual costs of the (i) funeral and (ii) burial or cremation, or the minimum allowable amount for each service as established by the Department, whichever is less, provided that the Department reduces its payments by the amount available from the following sources: the decedent's assets and available resources and the anticipated amounts of any death benefits available to the decedent's estate, and amounts paid and arranged to be paid by the decedent's <u>legally responsible relatives</u>. A <u>legally responsible relative</u> is expected to pay (i) funeral and (ii) burial or cremation expenses unless financially unable to do so.

Nothing contained in this Section or in any other Section of this Code shall be construed to prohibit the Illinois

- 1 Department (1) from consolidating existing standards on the
- 2 basis of any standards which are or were in effect on, or
- 3 subsequent to July 1, 1969, or (2) from employing any
- 4 consolidated standards in determining need for public aid and
- 5 the amount of money payment or grant for individual
- 6 recipients or recipient families.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 90-17, eff. 7-1-97; 90-326, eff. 8-8-97;
- 8 90-372, eff. 7-1-98; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-24, eff.
- 9 7-1-99.)
- 10 Section 30. The Cemetery Care Act is amended by changing
- 11 Sections 2a, 9, 10, 11, 11.1, 13, and 15b and adding Section
- 12 26 as follows:
- 13 (760 ILCS 100/2a) (from Ch. 21, par. 64.2a)
- 14 Sec. 2a. Powers and duties of cemetery authorities $\dot{\tau}$
- 15 cemetery-property-maintained-by-cemetery-care-funds.
- 16 <u>(a)</u> With respect to cemetery property maintained by
- 17 cemetery care funds, a cemetery authority <u>is</u> shall--be
- 18 responsible for the performance of:
- 19 <u>(1)</u> (a) the care and maintenance of the cemetery
- 20 property it owns; and
- 21 (2) (b) the opening and closing of all graves,
- 22 crypts, or niches for human remains in any cemetery
- 23 property it owns.
- 24 (b) A cemetery authority owning, operating, controlling
- 25 <u>or managing a privately operated cemetery shall provide</u>
- 26 <u>reasonable maintenance of the cemetery property and of the</u>
- 27 <u>lots, graves, crypts, and columbariums in the cemetery.</u>
- 28 Reasonable maintenance includes, but is not limited to:
- (1) the laying of seed, sod, or other suitable
- 30 ground cover as soon as practicable following an
- interment given the weather conditions, climate, season,
- 32 <u>and the interment's proximity to ongoing burial activity;</u>

1	(2) the cutting of the lawn throughout the cemetery
2	at reasonable intervals to prevent an overgrowth of grass
3	and weeds given the weather conditions, climate, and
4	season;
5	(3) the trimming of shrubs to prevent excessive
6	overgrowth;
7	(4) the trimming of trees to remove dead limbs;
8	(5) keeping in repair the drains, water lines,
9	roads, buildings, fences, and other structures; and
10	(6) keeping the cemetery premises free of trash and
11	debris.
12	Reasonable maintenance by the cemetery authority shall
13	not preclude the exercise of lawful rights by an owner of an
14	interment, inurnment, or entombment right, or the owner's
15	family and heirs, in accordance with the reasonable rules and
16	regulations of the cemetery or other agreement of the
17	cemetery authority. In the case of a cemetery dedicated as a
18	nature preserve under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation
19	Act, reasonable maintenance by the cemetery authority shall
20	be in accordance with the rules and master plan governing the
21	dedicated nature preserve.
22	(c) A cemetery authority owning, operating, controlling
23	or managing a privately operated cemetery shall make
24	available for inspection, and upon reasonable request provide
25	a copy of, its rules and regulations and its current prices
26	of interment, inurnment, or entombment rights.
27	(d) A cemetery authority owning, operating, controlling
28	or managing a privately operated cemetery may, from time to
29	time as land in its cemetery may be required for burial
30	purposes, survey and subdivide those lands and make and file
31	in its office a map thereof delineating the lots or plots,
32	avenues, paths, alleys, and walks and their respective
33	designations. The cemetery authority shall open the map to
34	public inspection. The cemetery authority may make available

- 1 a true copy of the map upon written request and payment of
- 2 <u>reasonable photocopy fees. Any unsold lots, plots or parts</u>
- 3 thereof, in which there are not human remains, may be
- 4 <u>resurveyed and altered in shape or size, and properly</u>
- 5 <u>designated on such map</u>. <u>Nothing contained in this</u>
- 6 <u>subsection</u>, however, shall prevent the cemetery authority
- 7 from enlarging an interment right by selling to the owner
- 8 thereof the excess space next to such interment right and
- 9 permitting interments therein, provided reasonable access to
- 10 <u>such interment right and to adjoining interment rights is not</u>
- 11 thereby eliminated.
- (e) A cemetery authority owning, operating, controlling,
- or managing a privately operated cemetery shall keep a record
- 14 of every interment, entombment, and inurnment in the
- 15 <u>cemetery</u>. The record shall include the deceased's name, age,
- 16 <u>and date of burial, when these particulars can be</u>
- 17 <u>conveniently obtained, and the lot, plot, or section where</u>
- 18 the human remains are interred, entombed, or inurned. The
- 19 record shall be open to public inspection. The cemetery
- 20 <u>authority shall make available a true copy of the record upon</u>
- 21 <u>written request and payment of reasonable copy costs.</u>
- 22 (f) A cemetery authority owning, operating, controlling,
- 23 <u>or managing a privately operated cemetery shall provide</u>
- 24 <u>access</u> to the cemetery under the cemetery authority's
- 25 reasonable rules and regulations.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 87-747.)
- 27 (760 ILCS 100/9) (from Ch. 21, par. 64.9)
- Sec. 9. Application for license.
- 29 (a) Prior to the acceptance of care funds authorized by
- 30 <u>Section 3 of this Act or the sale or transfer of the</u>
- 31 <u>controlling interest of a licensed cemetery authority, a</u>
- 32 <u>cemetery authority owning, operating, controlling, or</u>
- 33 <u>managing a privately operated cemetery shall make application</u>

1 to the Comptroller for a license to hold the funds. Whenever

2 a---cemetery--authority--owning,--operating,--controlling--or

3 managing-a-privately-operated-cemetery-is-newly-organized-and

such-cemetery-authority-desires-to-be-licensed-to-accept--the

eare--funds--authorized-by-Section-3-of-this-Act,-or-whenever

there-is-a-sale-or-transfer-of-the-controlling-interest-of--a

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- In the case of a sale or transfer of the controlling interest of the cemetery authority, the prior license shall remain in effect until the Comptroller issues a new license to the newly-controlled cemetery authority as provided in Section 15b. Upon issuance of the new license, the prior license shall be deemed surrendered if the licensee has agreed to the sale and transfer and has consented to the surrender of the license. A sale or transfer of the controlling interest of a cemetery authority to an immediate family member is not considered a transfer of the controlling interest for purposes of this Section.
- (b) Applications for license shall be filed with the 20 2.1 Comptroller. Applications shall be in writing under oath, 22 signed by the applicant, and in the form furnished by the 23 The form furnished by the Comptroller shall Comptroller. enable a cemetery authority to apply for license of multiple 24 25 cemetery locations within a single license application. check or money order in the amount of \$25 per license seeking 26 27 to be issued under the application, payable to: Comptroller, State of Illinois, shall be included. Each application shall 28 29 contain the following:
 - (1) the full name and address (both of residence and of place of business) of the applicant, if an individual; of every member, if the applicant is a partnership or association; of every officer, or director, if the applicant is a corporation; and of any

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party owning 10% or more of the cemetery authority, and the full name and address of the parent company, if any;

- (2) a detailed statement of the applicant's assets and liabilities;
- (2.1) the name, address, and legal boundaries of each cemetery for which the care funds shall be entrusted and at which books, accounts, and records shall be available for examination by the Comptroller as required by Section 13 of this Act;
- (3) as to the name of each individual person listed under (1) above, a detailed statement of each person's business experience for the 10 years immediately preceding the application; the present and previous connection, if any, of each person with any other cemetery or cemetery authority; whether each person has ever been convicted of any a felony or has ever been convicted of any misdemeanor of which an essential element is fraud or has been involved in any civil litigation in which a judgment has been entered against him or her based on fraud; whether each person is currently a defendant in any lawsuit in which the complaint against the person is based upon fraud; whether such person has failed to satisfy any enforceable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction in any civil proceedings against such individual; and
- (4) the total amount in trust and now available from sales of lots, graves, crypts or niches where part of the sale price has been placed in trust; the amount of money placed in the care funds of each applicant; the amount set aside in care funds from the sale of lots, graves, crypts and niches for the general care of the cemetery and the amount available for that purpose; the amount received in trust by special agreement for special care and the amount available for that purpose; the

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amount of principal applicable to trust funds received by
the applicant; and.

(5) any other information that the Comptroller may
reasonably require in order to determine the
qualifications of the applicant to be licensed under this
Act.

Such information shall be furnished whether the care funds are held by the applicant as trustee or by an independent trustee. If the funds are not held by the applicant, the name of the independent trustee holding them is also to be furnished by the applicant.

(c) Applications for license shall also be accompanied by a fidelity bond issued by a bonding company or insurance company authorized to do business in this State or by an irrevocable, unconditional letter of credit issued by a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, as approved by the State Comptroller, where such care funds exceed the sum of \$15,000. Such bond or letter of credit shall run to the Comptroller and his or her successor for the benefit of the care funds held by such cemetery authority or by the trustee of the care funds of such cemetery authority. Such bonds or letters of credit shall be in an amount equal to 1/10 of such care funds. However, such bond or letter of credit shall not be in an amount less than \$1,000; the first \$15,000 of such care funds shall not be considered in computing the amount of such bond or letter of credit. No application shall be accepted by the Comptroller unless accompanied by such bond or letter of credit.

Applications for license by newly organized cemetery authorities after January 1, 1960 shall also be accompanied by evidence of a minimum care fund deposit in an amount to be determined as follows: if the number of inhabitants, either in the county in which the cemetery is to be located or in the area included within a 10 mile radius from the cemetery

- if the number of inhabitants therein is greater, is 25,000 or
- 2 less the deposit shall be \$7,500; if the number of
- 3 inhabitants is 25,001 to 50,000, the deposit shall be
- 4 \$10,000; if the number of inhabitants is 50,001 to 125,000,
- 5 the deposit shall be \$15,000; if the number of inhabitants is
- 6 over 125,000, the deposit shall be \$25,000.
- 7 After an amount equal to and in addition to the required
- 8 minimum care fund deposit has been deposited in trust, the
- 9 cemetery authority may withhold 50% of all future care funds
- 10 until it has recovered the amount of the minimum care fund
- 11 deposit.
- 12 (d) (Blank). The--applicant--shall--have--a--permanent
- 13 address-and-any-license-issued-pursuant-to-the-application-is
- valid--only--at-the-address-or-at-any-new-address-approved-by
- 15 the-Comptroller.
- 16 (e) All bonds and bonding deposits made by any cemetery
- 17 authority may be returned to the cemetery authority or
- 18 cancelled as to care funds invested with an investment
- 19 company.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 89-615, eff. 8-9-96; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)
- 21 (760 ILCS 100/10) (from Ch. 21, par. 64.10)
- Sec. 10. Upon receipt of such application for license,
- 23 the Comptroller shall issue a license to the applicant unless
- 24 the Comptroller determines that:
- 25 (a) The applicant has made any misrepresentations or
- 26 false statements or has concealed any essential or material
- 27 fact, or
- 28 (b) The applicant is insolvent; or
- 29 (c) The applicant is or has been using practices in the
- 30 conducting of the cemetery business that work or tend to work
- 31 a fraud; or
- 32 (d) The applicant has refused to furnish or give
- 33 pertinent data to the Comptroller; or

- 1 (e) The applicant has failed to notify the Comptroller 2 with respect to any material facts required in the
- application for license under the provisions of this Act; or 3
- 4 The applicant has failed to satisfy any enforceable
- 5 judgment entered by the circuit court in any civil
- proceedings against such applicant; or 6
- 7 (g) The applicant has conducted or is about to conduct
- 8 its business in a fraudulent manner; or
- 9 The applicant or any As--to--the--name--of--any
- individual listed in the license application, -such-individual 10
- 11 has conducted or is about to conduct any business on behalf
- of the applicant in a fraudulent manner; or has been 12
- convicted of a felony or any misdemeanor of which an 13
- essential element is fraud; or has been involved in any civil 14
- litigation in which a judgment has been entered against him 15
- 16 or her based on fraud; or has failed to satisfy any
- enforceable judgment entered by the circuit court in any 17
- civil proceedings against such individual; or has been 18
- 19 convicted of any felony; or has been convicted of any
- theft-related offense; or has failed to comply with the 20
- 21 requirements of this Act; or has demonstrated a pattern of
- 22 failing to open or close any graves, crypts, or niches for
- or has demonstrated a pattern of placing human remains in a

human remains in the cemetery within a reasonable time frame;

agreement with a consumer; or has demonstrated a pattern of

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- final resting place other than that required under an
- 27 improperly failing to honor a contract with a consumer; or
- The applicant has ever had a license involving 28
- cemeteries or funeral homes revoked, suspended, or refused to 29
- 30 be issued in Illinois or elsewhere.

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- If the Comptroller so determines, then he or she shall 31
- 32 conduct а hearing to determine whether to deny the
- application. However, no application shall be denied unless 33
- the applicant has had at least 10 days' notice of a hearing 34

- on the application and an opportunity to be heard thereon. If
- 2 the application is denied, the Comptroller shall within 20
- 3 days thereafter prepare and keep on file in his or her office
- 4 the transcript of the evidence taken and a written order of
- 5 denial thereof, which shall contain his or her findings with
- 6 respect thereto and the reasons supporting the denial, and
- 7 shall send by United States mail a copy of the written order
- 8 of denial to the applicant at the address set forth in the
- 9 application, within 5 days after the filing of such order. A
- 10 review of such decision may be had as provided in Section 20
- 11 of this Act.
- 12 The license issued by the Comptroller shall remain in
- 13 full force and effect until it is surrendered by the licensee
- or revoked by the Comptroller as hereinafter provided.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 88-477.)
- 16 (760 ILCS 100/11) (from Ch. 21, par. 64.11)
- 17 Sec. 11. <u>Issuance and display of license</u>. A license
- 18 <u>issued under this Act authorizes the cemetery authority to</u>
- 19 <u>accept care funds for the cemetery identified in the license.</u>
- 20 <u>If a license application seeks licensure to accept care funds</u>
- 21 <u>on behalf of more than one cemetery location, the</u>
- 22 <u>Comptroller, upon approval of the license application, shall</u>
- 23 <u>issue to the cemetery authority a separate license for each</u>
- 24 <u>cemetery location indicated on the application. Each license</u>
- 25 <u>issued</u> by the Comptroller under this Act is independent of
- 26 any other license that may be issued to a cemetery authority
- 27 <u>under a single license application.</u>
- 28 Every license issued by the Comptroller shall state the
- 29 number of the license and the address at which the business
- 30 is to be conducted. Such license shall be kept conspicuously
- 31 posted in the place of business of the licensee and shall not
- 32 be transferable or assignable.
- No more than one place of business shall be maintained

- 1 under the same license, but the Comptroller may issue more
- 2 than one license to the same licensee upon compliance with
- 3 the provisions of this Act governing an original issuance of
- 4 a license, for each new license.
- 5 Whenever a licensee shall wish to change the name as
- 6 originally set forth in his license, he shall give written
- 7 notice thereof to the Comptroller together with the reasons
- 8 for the change and if the change is approved by the
- 9 Comptroller he shall issue a new license.
- 10 A license issued by the Comptroller shall remain in full
- 11 force and effect until it is surrendered by the licensee or
- 12 <u>suspended</u> or <u>revoked</u> by the <u>Comptroller</u> as <u>provided</u> in this
- 13 <u>Act.</u>
- 14 (Source: P.A. 78-592.)
- 15 (760 ILCS 100/11.1)
- 16 Sec. 11.1. Investigation of unlawful practices. If it
- 17 appears to the Comptroller that a person has engaged in, is
- 18 engaging in, or is about to engage in any practice declared
- 19 to be unlawful by this Act, the Comptroller may:
- 20 (1) require that person to file on such terms as
- 21 the Comptroller prescribes a statement or report in
- 22 writing, under oath or otherwise, containing all
- 23 information the Comptroller may consider necessary to
- 24 ascertain whether a <u>privately operated cemetery authority</u>
- 25 lieensee is in compliance with this Act, or whether an
- unlicensed person is engaging in activities for which a
- 27 license is required;
- 28 (2) examine under oath any person in connection
- with the books and records pertaining to or having an
- impact upon the trust funds required to be maintained
- 31 pursuant to this Act;
- 32 (2.1) examine under oath any person in connection
- with the performance of duties required to be performed

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- 2 (3) examine any books and records of the <u>privately</u>
 3 <u>operated cemetery authority</u>, licensee, trustee, or
 4 investment advisor that the Comptroller may consider
 5 necessary to ascertain compliance with this Act; and
- 6 (4) require the production of a copy of any record,
 7 book, document, account, or paper that is produced in
 8 accordance with this Act and retain it in his or her
 9 possession until the completion of all proceedings in
 10 connection with which it is produced.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 89-615, eff. 8-9-96.)
- 12 (760 ILCS 100/13) (from Ch. 21, par. 64.13)
- Sec. 13. Books, accounts, and records. Every licensee 13 and the trustee of the care funds of every licensee shall be 14 15 a resident of this State and shall keep in this State and use in its business such books, accounts and records as will 16 17 enable the Comptroller to determine whether such licensee or trustee is complying with the provisions of this Act and with 18 19 the rules, regulations and directions made by the Comptroller 20 hereunder. The licensee shall update books, accounts, and records no less often than monthly. The licensee shall keep 21 22 the books, accounts, and records at the location identified 23 in the license issued by the Comptroller or as otherwise agreed by the Comptroller in writing. The books, accounts, 24 25 and records shall be accessible for review upon demand of the
- 27 (Source: P.A. 78-592.)

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- 28 (760 ILCS 100/15b)
- 29 Sec. 15b. Sales; liability of purchaser for shortage.
- In the case of a sale of any privately operated cemetery or any part thereof or of any related personal property by a cemetery authority to a purchaser or pursuant to foreclosure

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1 proceedings, except the sale of burial rights, services, or 2 merchandise to a person for his or her personal or family burial or interment, the purchaser is liable for 3 any 4 shortages existing before or after the sale in the care funds 5 required to be maintained in a trust pursuant to this Act and 6 shall honor all instruments issued under Section 4 for that 7 cemetery. Any shortages existing in the care funds constitute a prior lien in favor of the trust for the total value of the 8 9 shortages, and notice of such lien shall be provided in all sales instruments. 10

In the event of a sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the cemetery authority, \underline{a} sale or transfer of any cemetery land, including any portion of cemetery land in which no human remains have been interred, the sale or transfer of the controlling interest of the corporate stock of the cemetery authority if the cemetery authority is a corporation, or the sale or transfer of controlling of the partnership if the cemetery authority is a partnership, the cemetery authority shall, at least 21 days prior to the sale or transfer, notify the Comptroller, writing, of the pending date of sale or transfer so as to permit the Comptroller to audit the books and records of the cemetery authority. The audit must be commenced within $\underline{10}$ 5 business days of the receipt of the notification completed within the 21 day notification period unless the Comptroller notifies the cemetery authority during that period that there is a basis for determining a deficiency which will require additional time to finalize. The sale or transfer may not be completed by the cemetery authority unless and until:

- (a) The Comptroller has completed the audit of the cemetery authority's books and records;
- 33 (b) Any delinquency existing in the care funds has 34 been paid by the cemetery authority, or arrangements

- satisfactory to the Comptroller have been made by the cemetery authority on the sale or transfer for the payment of any delinquency;
- (c) The Comptroller issues a new cemetery care license upon application of the newly controlled corporation or partnership, which license must be applied for within 30 days of the anticipated date of the sale or transfer, subject to the payment of any delinquencies, if any, as stated in item (b) above.
- 10 For purposes of this Section, a person, firm, 11 corporation, partnership, or institution that acquires the cemetery through a real estate foreclosure shall be subject 12 to the provisions of this Section. The sale or transfer of 13 the controlling interest of a cemetery authority to an 14 15 immediate family member is not subject to the license 16 application process required in item (c) of this Section.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 90-623, eff. 7-10-98.)
- 18 (760 ILCS 100/26 new)
- 19 <u>Sec. 26. Abandoned or neglected cemeteries; clean-up.</u>
- 20 The Comptroller may administer a program for the purpose of
- 21 <u>cleaning up abandoned or neglected cemeteries located in</u>
- 22 <u>Illinois. Administration of this program may include the</u>
- 23 <u>Comptroller's issuance of grants for that purpose to units of</u>
- 24 <u>local government, school districts, and not-for-profit</u>
- 25 <u>associations.</u>
- Section 40. The Cemetery Protection Act is amended by
- 27 changing Section 1 as follows:
- 28 (765 ILCS 835/1) (from Ch. 21, par. 15)
- 29 Sec. 1. (a) Any person who acts without proper legal
- 30 authority and who willfully and knowingly destroys or damages
- 31 the remains of a deceased human being or who desecrates human

- 1 remains is guilty of a Class 3 felony.
- 2 (a-5) Any person who acts without proper legal authority
- 3 and who willfully and knowingly removes any portion of the
- 4 remains of a deceased human being from a burial ground where
- 5 skeletal remains are buried or from a grave, crypt, vault,
- 6 mausoleum, or other repository of human remains is guilty of
- 7 a Class 4 felony.
- 8 (b) Any person who acts without proper legal authority
- 9 and who willfully and knowingly:
- 10 (1) obliterates, vandalizes, or desecrates a burial
- 11 ground where skeletal remains are buried or a grave,
- 12 crypt, vault, mausoleum, or other repository of human
- 13 remains;
- 14 (2) obliterates, vandalizes, or desecrates a park
- or other area clearly designated to preserve and
- 16 perpetuate the memory of a deceased person or group of
- 17 persons;
- 18 (3) obliterates, vandalizes, or desecrates plants,
- 19 trees, shrubs, or flowers located upon or around a
- 20 repository for human remains or within a human graveyard
- or cemetery; or
- 22 (4) obliterates, vandalizes, or desecrates a fence,
- 23 rail, curb, or other structure of a similar nature
- intended for the protection or for the ornamentation of
- any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure of
- like character;
- 27 is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if the amount of the
- 28 damage is less than \$500, a Class 4 felony if the amount of
- the damage is at least \$500 and less than \$10,000, a Class 3
- 30 felony if the amount of the damage is at least \$10,000 and
- 31 less than \$100,000, or a Class 2 felony if the damage is
- 32 \$100,000 or more and shall provide restitution to the
- 33 cemetery authority or property owner for the amount of any
- 34 damage caused.

- 1 (b-5) Any person who acts without proper legal authority 2 and who willfully and knowingly defaces, vandalizes, injures, or removes a gravestone or other memorial, monument, or 3 4 marker commemorating a deceased person or group of persons, 5 whether located within or outside of a recognized cemetery, 6 memorial park, or battlefield is guilty of a Class 4 felony 7 for damaging at least one but no more than 4 gravestones, a felony for damaging at least 5 but no more than 10 8 9 gravestones, or a Class 2 felony for damaging more than 10 gravestones and shall provide restitution to the cemetery 10 11 authority or property owner for the amount of any damage 12 caused.
 - (b-7) Any person who acts without proper legal authority and who willfully and knowingly removes with the intent to resell a gravestone or other memorial, monument, or marker commemorating a deceased person or group of persons, whether located within or outside a recognized cemetery, memorial park, or battlefield, is guilty of a Class 2 felony.

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- (c) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the removal or unavoidable breakage or injury by a cemetery authority of anything placed in or upon any portion of its cemetery in violation of any of the rules and regulations of the cemetery authority, nor to the removal of anything placed in the cemetery by or with the consent of the cemetery authority that in the judgment of the cemetery authority has become wrecked, unsightly, or dilapidated.
- an unemancipated minor is found guilty of 27 (d) Ιf violating any of the provisions of subsection (b) of this 28 29 Section and is unable to provide restitution to the cemetery 30 authority or property owner, the parents or legal guardians of that minor shall provide restitution to the cemetery 31 authority or property owner for the amount of any damage 32 caused, up to the total amount allowed under the Parental 33 34 Responsibility Law.

- (e) Any person who shall hunt, shoot or discharge any gun, pistol or other missile, within the limits of any cemetery, or shall cause any shot or missile to be discharged into or over any portion thereof, or shall violate any of the rules made and established by the board of directors of such cemetery, for the protection or government thereof, is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.
 - (f) Any person who knowingly enters or knowingly remains upon the premises of a public or private cemetery without authorization during hours that the cemetery is posted as closed to the public is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- (g) All fines when recovered, shall be paid over by the 12 court or officer receiving the same to 13 the cemetery association and be applied, as far as possible in repairing 14 15 the injury, if any, caused by such offense. 16 nothing contained in this Act shall deprive such cemetery association, or the owner of any lot or monument from 17 maintaining an action for the recovery of damages caused by 18 19 any injury caused by a violation of the provisions of this Act, or of the rules established by the board of directors of 20 21 such cemetery association. Nothing in this Section shall be 22 construed to prohibit the discharge of firearms loaded with 23 blank ammunition as part of any funeral, any memorial observance or any other patriotic or military ceremony. 24
- 25 (Source: P.A. 89-36, eff. 1-1-96.)

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- Section 45. The Illinois Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, and 22 and adding Section 27.1 as follows:
- 29 (815 ILCS 390/1) (from Ch. 21, par. 201)
- 30 Sec. 1. <u>Purpose</u>. It is the purpose of this Act to 31 assure adequate protection for those who contract through 32 pre-need contracts for the purchase of certain cemetery

- 1 merchandise and cemetery services and undeveloped interment,
- 2 entombment or inurnment space, when the seller may delay
- delivery or performance more than 120 days following initial 3
- 4 payment on the account.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 85-805.)
- (815 ILCS 390/4) (from Ch. 21, par. 204) 6
- 7 Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act, the following
- 8 terms shall have the meaning specified:
- (A) A. "Pre-need sales contract" or "Pre-need sales" 9
- 10 means any agreement or contract or series or combination of
- 11 agreements or contracts which have for a purpose the sale of
- 12 cemetery merchandise, cemetery services or undeveloped
- interment, entombment or inurnment spaces where the terms of 13
- 14 such sale require payment or payments to be made at a
- 15 currently determinable time and where the
- services or completed spaces are to be provided more than 120 16
- 17 days following the initial payment on the account.
- 18 (B) B. "Delivery" occurs when:
- (1) Physical possession of the merchandise is 19 20 transferred or the easement for burial rights in a 21 completed space is executed, delivered and transferred to
- the buyer; or 22

- 23 (2) Following authorization by a purchaser under a
- 24 pre-need sales contract, title to the merchandise has
- 25 been transferred to the buyer and the merchandise has
- been paid for and is in the possession of the seller who
- has placed it, until needed, at the site of its ultimate 27
- 28 use; except that burial of any item at the site of its
- 29 <u>ultimate</u> <u>use</u> <u>shall</u> <u>not</u> <u>constitute</u> <u>delivery</u> <u>for</u> <u>purposes</u>
- 30 of this Act; or
- (A) Following authorization by a purchaser 31
- under a pre-need sales contract, the merchandise has been 32
- 33 permanently identified with the name of the buyer or the

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beneficiary and delivered to a licensed and bonded warehouse and both title to the merchandise and a warehouse receipt have been delivered to the purchaser or beneficiary and a copy of the warehouse receipt has been delivered to the licensee for retention in its files; except that in the case of outer burial containers, the use of a licensed and bonded warehouse as set forth in this paragraph shall not constitute delivery for purposes of this Act. Nothing herein shall prevent a seller from perfecting a security interest in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code on any merchandise covered under this Act.

- (B) All warehouse facilities to which sellers deliver merchandise pursuant to this Act shall:
 - (i) be either located in the State of Illinois or qualify as a foreign warehouse facility as defined herein;
 - (ii) submit to the Comptroller not less than annually, by March 1 of each year, a report of all cemetery merchandise stored by each licensee under this Act which is in storage on the date of the report;
 - (iii) permit the Comptroller or his designee at any time to examine stored merchandise and to examine any documents pertaining thereto;
 - (iv) submit evidence satisfactory to the Comptroller that all merchandise stored by said warehouse for licensees under this Act is insured for casualty or other loss normally assumed by a bailee for hire;
 - (v) demonstrate to the Comptroller that the warehouse has procured and is maintaining a performance bond in the form, content and amount sufficient to unconditionally guarantee to the

- purchaser or beneficiary the prompt shipment of the cemetery merchandise.
- 3 (C) "Cemetery merchandise" means items of personal 4 property normally sold by a cemetery authority not covered 5 under the Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act, including but 6 not limited to:
- 7 (1) memorials,
- 8 (2) markers,
- 9 (3) monuments,
- 10 (4) foundations, and
- 11 (5) outer burial containers.
- 12 (D) "Undeveloped interment, entombment or inurnment
 13 spaces" or "undeveloped spaces" means any space to be used
 14 for the reception of human remains that is not completely and
 15 totally constructed at the time of initial payment therefor
- 16 in a:
- 17 (1) lawn crypt,
- 18 (2) mausoleum,
- 19 (3) garden crypt,
- 20 (4) columbarium, or
- 21 (5) cemetery section.
- 22 (E) "Cemetery services" means those services customarily 23 performed by cemetery or crematory personnel in connection 24 with the interment, entombment, inurnment or cremation of a 25 dead human body.
- 26 (F) "Cemetery section" means a grouping of spaces 27 intended to be developed simultaneously for the purpose of 28 interring human remains.
- (G) "Columbarium" means an arrangement of niches that
 may be an entire building, a complete room, a series of
 special indoor alcoves, a bank along a corridor or part of an
 outdoor garden setting that is constructed of permanent
 material such as bronze, marble, brick, stone or concrete for
- 34 the inurnment of human remains.

- 1 (H) "Lawn crypt" means a permanent underground crypt
- 2 usually constructed of reinforced concrete or similar
- 3 material installed in multiple units for the interment of
- 4 human remains.
- 5 (I) "Mausoleum" or "garden crypt" means a grouping of
- 6 spaces constructed of reinforced concrete or similar material
- 7 constructed or assembled above the ground for entombing human
- 8 remains.
- 9 (J) "Memorials, markers and monuments" means the object
- 10 usually comprised of a permanent material such as granite or
- 11 bronze used to identify and memorialize the deceased.
- 12 (K) "Foundations" means those items used to affix or
- 13 support a memorial or monument to the ground in connection
- 14 with the installation of a memorial, marker or monument.
- 15 (L) "Person" means an individual, corporation,
- 16 partnership, joint venture, business trust, voluntary
- organization or any other form of entity.
- 18 (M) "Seller" means any person selling or offering for
- 19 sale cemetery merchandise, cemetery services or undeveloped
- 20 <u>interment, entombment, or inurnment</u> spaces <u>in accordance with</u>
- 21 <u>a pre-need sales contract</u> on-a-pre-need-basis.
- 22 (N) "Religious cemetery" means a cemetery owned,
- operated, controlled or managed by any recognized church,
- 24 religious society, association or denomination or by any
- 25 cemetery authority or any corporation administering, or
- 26 through which is administered, the temporalities of any
- 27 recognized church, religious society, association or
- 28 denomination.
- 29 (0) "Municipal cemetery" means a cemetery owned,
- 30 operated, controlled or managed by any city, village,
- 31 incorporated town, township, county or other municipal
- 32 corporation, political subdivision, or instrumentality
- 33 thereof authorized by law to own, operate or manage a
- 34 cemetery.

- 1 (0-1) "Outer burial container" means a container made of
- 2 concrete, steel, wood, fiberglass, or similar material, used
- 3 solely at the interment site, and designed and used
- 4 exclusively to surround or enclose a separate casket and to
- 5 support the earth above such casket, commonly known as a
- 6 burial vault, grave box, or grave liner, but not including a
- 7 lawn crypt.
- 8 (P) "Sales price" means the gross amount paid by a
- 9 purchaser on a pre-need sales contract for cemetery
- 10 merchandise, cemetery services or undeveloped interment,
- 11 entombment or inurnment spaces, excluding sales taxes, credit
- 12 life insurance premiums, finance charges and Cemetery Care
- 13 Act contributions.
- 14 (Q) (Blank).
- 15 (R) "Provider" means a person who is responsible for
- 16 performing cemetery services or furnishing cemetery
- 17 <u>merchandise</u>, <u>interment spaces</u>, <u>entombment spaces</u>, <u>or</u>
- inurnment spaces under a pre-need sales contract.
- 19 <u>(S) "Purchaser" or "buyer" means the person who</u>
- 20 <u>originally paid the money under or in connection with a</u>
- 21 <u>pre-need sales contract.</u>
- 22 (T) "Parent company" means a corporation that has a
- 23 <u>controlling interest in another corporation.</u>
- 24 <u>(U)</u> "Foreign warehouse facility" means a warehouse
- 25 facility now or hereafter located in any state or territory
- of the United States, including the District of Columbia,
- other than the State of Illinois.
- 28 A foreign warehouse facility shall be deemed to have
- 29 appointed the Comptroller to be its true and lawful attorney
- 30 upon whom may be served all legal process in any action or
- 31 proceeding against it relating to or growing out of this Act,
- 32 and the acceptance of the delivery of stored merchandise
- 33 under this Act shall be signification of its agreement that
- 34 any such process against it which is so served, shall be of

- 1 the same legal force and validity as though served upon it
- 2 personally.
- 3 Service of such process shall be made by delivering to
- 4 and leaving with the Comptroller, or any agent having charge
- 5 of the Comptroller's Department of Cemetery and Burial
- 6 Trusts, a copy of such process and such service shall be
- 7 sufficient service upon such foreign warehouse facility if
- 8 notice of such service and a copy of the process are, within
- 9 10 days thereafter, sent by registered mail by the plaintiff
- 10 to the foreign warehouse facility at its principal office and
- 11 the plaintiff's affidavit of compliance herewith is appended
- 12 to the summons. The Comptroller shall keep a record of all
- 13 process served upon him under this Section and shall record
- 14 therein the time of such service.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 91-7, eff. 1-1-2000; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99;
- 16 revised 8-30-99.)
- 17 (815 ILCS 390/5) (from Ch. 21, par. 205)
- 18 Sec. 5. It is unlawful for any <u>seller</u> person directly or
- indirectly doing business within this State, -through-an-agent
- 20 or--otherwise to engage in pre-need sales without a license
- issued by the Comptroller.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 84-239.)
- 23 (815 ILCS 390/6) (from Ch. 21, par. 206)
- Sec. 6. <u>License application</u>.
- 25 (a) An application for a license shall be made in
- 26 writing to the Comptroller on forms prescribed by him or her,
- 27 <u>signed by the applicant under oath verified by a notary</u>
- 28 <u>public appointed and commissioned under the Illinois Notary</u>
- 29 <u>Public Act,</u> and shall-be accompanied by a non-returnable \$25
- 30 application fee. The Comptroller may prescribe abbreviated
- 31 application forms for persons holding a license under the
- 32 Cemetery Care Act. Applications (except abbreviated

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- 1 applications) must include at least the following
 2 information:
 - (1) The full name and address, both residence and business, of the applicant if the applicant is an individual; of every member if applicant is a partnership; of every member of the Board of Directors if applicant is an association; and of every officer, director and shareholder holding more than 10% 5% of the corporate stock if applicant is a corporation;
 - (2) A detailed statement of applicant's assets and liabilities;
 - (2.1) The name and address of the applicant's principal place of business at which the books, accounts, and records are available for examination by the Comptroller as required by this Act;
 - (2.2) The name and address of the applicant's branch locations at which pre-need sales will be conducted and which will operate under the same license number as the applicant's principal place of business;
 - detailed statement of the individual's business experience for the 10 years immediately preceding the application; any present or prior connection between the individual and any other person engaged in pre-need sales; any felony or misdemeanor convictions for which fraud was an essential element; any charges or complaints lodged against the individual for which fraud was an essential element and which resulted in civil or criminal litigation; any failure of the individual to satisfy an enforceable judgment entered against him or her based upon fraud; and any other information requested by the Comptroller relating to the past business practices of the individual. Since the information required by this paragraph may be confidential or contain proprietary

- information, this information shall not be available to other licensees or the general public and shall be used only for the lawful purposes of the Comptroller in enforcing this Act;
 - (4) The name of the trustee and, if applicable, the names of the advisors to the trustee, including a copy of the proposed trust agreement under which the trust funds are to be held as required by this Act;
 - (5) Where applicable, the name of the corporate surety company providing the performance bond for the construction of undeveloped spaces and a copy of the bond; and
 - (6) Such other information as the Comptroller may reasonably require in order to determine the qualification of the applicant to be licensed under this Act.
- (b) Applications for license shall be accompanied by a 17 fidelity bond executed by the applicant and a security 18 19 company authorized to do business in this State in such not exceeding \$10,000, as 20 amount, the Comptroller may 21 require. The Comptroller may require additional bond from 22 time in amounts equal to one-tenth of such trust 23 funds but not to exceed \$100,000, which bond shall run to the Comptroller for the use and benefit of the beneficiaries of 24 25 such trust funds. Such licensee may by written permit of the Comptroller be authorized to operate without additional bond, 26 such fidelity bond as may be required by the 27 except Comptroller for the protection of the licensee against loss 28 by default by any of its employees engaged in the handling of 29 30 trust funds.
- 31 (c) Any application not acted upon within 90 days may be deemed denied.
- 33 (Source: P.A. 88-477.)

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- 1 (815 ILCS 390/7) (from Ch. 21, par. 207)
- 2 Sec. 7. The Comptroller may refuse to issue or may
- 3 suspend or revoke a license on any of the following grounds:
- 4 (a) The applicant or licensee has made any
- 5 misrepresentations or false statements or concealed any
- 6 material fact;
- 7 (b) The applicant or licensee is insolvent;
- 8 (c) The applicant or licensee has been engaged in
- 9 business practices that work a fraud;
- 10 (d) The applicant or licensee has refused to give
- 11 pertinent data to the Comptroller;
- 12 (e) The applicant or licensee has failed to satisfy any
- 13 enforceable judgment or decree rendered by any court of
- 14 competent jurisdiction against the applicant;
- 15 (f) The applicant or licensee has conducted or is about
- 16 to conduct business in a fraudulent manner;
- 17 (g) The trustee advisors or the trust agreement is not
- 18 satisfactory to the Comptroller;
- 19 (h) The pre-construction performance bond, if
- 20 applicable, is not satisfactory to the Comptroller;
- 21 (i) The fidelity bond is not satisfactory to the
- 22 Comptroller;
- 23 (j) As to any individual listed, that such individual
- 24 has conducted or is about to conduct any business on behalf
- of the applicant in a fraudulent manner, has been convicted
- of any felony or misdemeanor an essential element of which is
- fraud, has had a judgment rendered against him or her based
- on fraud in any civil litigation, or has failed to satisfy
- 29 any enforceable judgment or decree rendered against him by
- 30 any court of competent jurisdiction, or has been convicted of
- 31 <u>any felony or any theft-related offense;</u>
- 32 (k) The applicant or licensee has failed to make the
- 33 annual report required by this Act or to comply with a final
- order, decision, or finding of the Comptroller made pursuant

- 1 to this Act;
- (1) The applicant or licensee, including any member, 2
- officer, or director thereof if the applicant or licensee is 3
- 4 a firm, partnership, association, or corporation and any
- shareholder holding more than 10% of the corporate stock, has 5
- б violated any provision of this Act or any regulation or order
- 7 made by the Comptroller under this Act; or
- The Comptroller finds any fact or condition existing 8
- 9 which, if it had existed at the time of the original
- application for such license would have warranted 10
- 11 Comptroller in refusing the issuance of the license.
- (Source: P.A. 85-842.) 12

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- (815 ILCS 390/8) (from Ch. 21, par. 208) 13
- 14 Sec. 8. (a) Every license issued by the Comptroller
- 15 shall state the number of the license, the business name and
- address of the <u>licensee's principal place of business</u>, each 16
- 17 branch location also operating under the license, and the
- 18 licensee's parent company, if any. licensee-at-which-the
- business-is-to--be--conducted,--and The license shall be 19
- 20 conspicuously posted in each the place of business operating
- 21 under the license. No-more-than-one-place-of-business--shall
- 22 be--maintained--under--the-same-license,-but The Comptroller
- may issue additional licenses as may be necessary for license

<u>branch locations</u> more-than-one-license--to--a--licensee upon

- compliance with the provisions of this Act governing an 25
- original issuance of a license for each new license. 26
- (b) Individual salespersons representing employed--by a 27
- 28 licensee shall not be required to obtain licenses in their
- 29 individual capacities but must acknowledge, by affidavit,
- 30 that they have been educated in the provisions of this Act
- 31 and must understand the penalties for failure to comply. The
- licensee must retain copies of the affidavits of its 32
- salespersons for its records and must make the affidavits 33

- 1 available to the Comptroller for examination upon request.
- 2 (c) The licensee shall be responsible for the activities
- 3 of <u>any person representing the licensee in selling or</u>
- 4 <u>offering a pre-need contract for sale</u> all--individuals--er
- 5 sales-organizations-selling-under-contract-with,-as-agents-or
- 6 on-behalf-of-the-licensee.
- 7 (d) Any sales--company--or--other person not selling on
- 8 behalf of a licensee shall be required to obtain <u>his or her</u>
- 9 its own license.
- 10 (e) Any person engaged in pre-need sales, as defined
- 11 herein, prior to the effective date of this Act may continue
- 12 operations until the application for license under this Act
- is denied; provided that such person shall make application
- 14 for a license within 60 days of the date that application
- forms are made available by the Comptroller.
- 16 (f) No license shall be transferable or assignable
- 17 without the express written consent of the Comptroller. A
- 18 transfer of more than 50% of the ownership of any business
- 19 licensed hereunder shall be deemed to be an attempted
- 20 assignment of the license originally issued to the licensee
- 21 for which consent of the Comptroller shall be required.
- 22 (g) Every license issued hereunder shall remain in force
- 23 until the same has been suspended, surrendered or revoked in
- 24 accordance with this Act, but the Comptroller, upon the
- 25 request of an interested person or on his own motion, may
- 26 issue new licenses to a licensee whose license or licenses
- 27 have been revoked, if no factor or condition then exists
- 28 which would have warranted the Comptroller in refusing
- originally the issuance of such license.
- 30 (Source: P.A. 84-239.)
- 31 (815 ILCS 390/8a)
- 32 Sec. 8a. Investigation of unlawful practices. If it
- 33 appears to the Comptroller that a person has engaged in, is

- 1 engaging in, or is about to engage in any practice $\underline{\text{in}}$
- 2 <u>violation of</u> declared--to--be--unlawful--by this Act, the
- 3 Comptroller may:
- 4 (1) require that person to file on such terms as
- 5 the Comptroller prescribes a statement or report in
- 6 writing, under oath or otherwise, containing all
- 7 information the Comptroller may consider necessary to
- 8 ascertain whether a licensee is in compliance with this
- 9 Act, or whether an unlicensed person is engaging in
- 10 activities for which a license is required;
- 11 (2) examine under oath any person in connection
- 12 with the books and records pertaining to or having an
- impact upon the trust funds required to be maintained
- 14 pursuant to this Act;
- 15 (3) examine any books and records of the licensee,
- 16 trustee, or investment advisor that the Comptroller may
- 17 consider necessary to ascertain compliance with this Act;
- 18 and
- 19 (4) require the production of a copy of any record,
- 20 book, document, account, or paper that is produced in
- 21 accordance with this Act and retain it in his or her
- 22 possession until the completion of all proceedings in
- connection with which it is produced.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 89-615, eff. 8-9-96.)
- 25 (815 ILCS 390/9) (from Ch. 21, par. 209)
- Sec. 9. The Comptroller may, upon his own motion
- investigate the actions of any person providing, selling, or
- offering pre-need sales contracts or of any applicant or any
- 29 person or persons holding or claiming to hold a license under
- 30 this Act. The Comptroller shall make such an investigation
- 31 on receipt of the verified written complaint of any person
- 32 setting forth facts which, if proved, would constitute
- 33 grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license

1 with--respect--to--which--grounds-for-revocation-may-occur-or 2 exist,-or-if-he-shall-find-that-such-grounds--for--revocation are-of-general-application-to-all-offices-or-to-more-than-one 3 4 office--operated--by--such-licensee,-he-may-revoke-all-of-the licenses-issued-to-such-licensee-or-such-number-of--licensees 5 to--which-grounds-apply,-as-the-case-may-be. Before refusing 6 7 to issue, and before suspension or revocation of a license, 8 the Comptroller shall hold a hearing to determine whether the 9 applicant or licensee, hereafter called the respondent, is entitled to hold such a license. At least 10 days prior to 10 11 the date set for such hearing, the Comptroller shall notify the respondent in writing that on the date designated a 12 hearing will be held to determine his eligibility for a 13 license and that he may appear in person or by counsel. 14 15 written notice may be served on the respondent 16 personally, or by registered or certified mail sent to the address as shown in his latest 17 respondent's business notification to the Comptroller and shall include sufficient 18 19 information to inform the respondent of the general nature of At the hearing, both the respondent and the 20 the charge. 21 complainant shall be accorded ample opportunity to present in 22 person or by counsel such statements, testimony, evidence and 23 argument as may be pertinent to the charges or to any defense 24 thereto. The Comptroller may reasonably continue such 25 hearing from time to time. The Comptroller may subpoena any person or persons in 26 27 this State and take testimony orally, by deposition or 28

exhibit, in the same manner and with the same fees and mileage as prescribed in judicial proceedings in civil cases.

30 Any authorized agent of the Comptroller may administer oaths to witnesses at any hearing which the Comptroller is 31 32 authorized to conduct.

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The Comptroller, at his expense, shall 33 provide 34 certified shorthand reporter to take down the testimony and

- 1 preserve a record of all proceedings at the hearing of any
- 2 case involving the refusal to issue a license, the suspension
- 3 or revocation of a license, the imposition of a monetary
- 4 penalty, or the referral of a case for criminal prosecution.
- 5 The record of any such proceeding shall consist of the notice
- of hearing, complaint, all other documents in the nature of
- 7 pleadings and written motions filed in the proceedings, the
- 8 transcript of testimony and the report and orders of the
- 9 Comptroller. Copies of the transcript of such record may be
- 10 purchased from the certified shorthand reporter who prepared
- 11 the record or from the Comptroller.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 84-239.)
- 13 (815 ILCS 390/12) (from Ch. 21, par. 212)
- 14 Sec. 12. <u>License revocation or suspension.</u>
- 15 <u>(a) The Comptroller may, upon determination that grounds</u>
- 16 <u>exist for the revocation or suspension of a license issued</u>
- 17 <u>under this Act, revoke or suspend the license issued to a</u>
- 18 particular branch office location with respect to which the
- 19 grounds for revocation or suspension may occur or exist.
- 20 (b) Upon the revocation or suspension of any license,
- 21 the licensee shall immediately surrender the license or
- 22 <u>licenses</u> and--any-branch-office-licenses to the Comptroller.
- 23 If the licensee fails to do so, the Comptroller has the right
- 24 to seize the <u>license or licenses</u> same.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 84-239.)
- 26 (815 ILCS 390/14) (from Ch. 21, par. 214)
- 27 Sec. 14. Contract required.
- 28 (a) It is unlawful for any <u>person</u> seller doing business
- 29 within this State to accept sales proceeds, either directly
- or indirectly, by any means, unless the seller enters into a
- 31 pre-need sales contract with the purchaser which meets the
- 32 following requirements:

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(1) A written sales contract shall k	oe executed <u>in</u>
at least 12 point type in duplicate fo	or each pre-need
sale made by a licensee, and a signed copy	given to the
purchaser. Each completed contract shall	be numbered and
shall contain: (i) the name and address of	the purchaser,
the principal office of the licensee, a	and the parent
company of the licensee; (ii) and-the s	seller, the name
of the person, if known, who is to receive	e the cemetery
merchandise, cemetery services or	the completed
interment, entombment or inurnment spa	aces under the
contract; and (iii) specific ider	ntification of
specificallyidentify such merchandise,	, services or
spaces to be provided and the price of t	the merchandise,
services, or space or spaces.	

(2) In addition, such contracts must contain a provision in distinguishing typeface as follows:

"Notwithstanding anything in this contract to the contrary, you are afforded certain specific rights of cancellation and refund under Seetions-18-and-19-of the Illinois Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act, enacted by the 84th General Assembly of the State of Illinois".

- (3) All pre-need sales contracts shall be sold on a guaranteed price basis. At the time of performance of the service or delivery of the merchandise, the seller shall be prohibited from assessing the purchaser or his heirs or assigns or duly authorized representative any additional charges for the specific merchandise and services listed on the pre-need sales contract.
- (4) Each contract shall clearly disclose that the price of the merchandise or services is guaranteed and shall contain the following statement in 12 point bold type:

"THIS CONTRACT GUARANTEES THE BENEFICIARY THE SPECIFIC GOODS, AND SERVICES, INTERMENT SPACES,

1	ENTOMBMENT SPACES, AND INURNMENT SPACES CONTRACTED FOR.
2	NO ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY BE REQUIRED. FOR DESIGNATED
3	GOODS, AND SERVICES, AND SPACES. ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY
4	BE INCURRED FOR UNEXPECTED EXPENSES."

- (5) The pre-need sales contract shall provide that if the particular cemetery services, cemetery merchandise, or spaces specified in the pre-need contract are unavailable at the time of delivery, the seller shall be required to furnish services, merchandise, and spaces similar in style and at least equal in quality of material and workmanship.
- (6) The pre-need contract shall also disclose any specific penalties to be incurred by the purchaser as a result of failure to make payments; and penalties to be incurred or moneys or refunds to be received as a result of cancellation of the contract.
- (7) The pre-need contract shall disclose the nature of the relationship between the provider and the seller.
- (8) Each pre-need contract that authorizes the delivery of cemetery merchandise to a licensed and bonded warehouse shall provide that prior to or upon delivery of the merchandise to the warehouse (i) the merchandise shall be permanently identified with the name of the buyer; and (ii) the title to the merchandise and a warehouse receipt shall be delivered to the purchaser or beneficiary. The pre-need contract shall contain the following statement in 12 point bold type:

 "THIS CONTRACT AUTHORIZES THE DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE TO A LICENSED AND BONDED WAREHOUSE FOR STORAGE OF THE MERCHANDISE UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS NEEDED BY THE BENEFICIARY. DELIVERY OF THE MERCHANDISE IN THIS MANNER

The purchaser shall initial the statement at the

ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DELIVERED MERCHANDISE."

MAY PRECLUDE REFUND OF SALE PROCEEDS THAT ARE

1 <u>time of entry into the pre-need contract.</u>

(9) Each pre-need contract that authorizes the placement of cemetery merchandise at the site of its ultimate use prior to the time that the merchandise is needed by the beneficiary shall contain the following statement in 12 point bold type:

"THIS CONTRACT AUTHORIZES THE PLACEMENT OF MERCHANDISE AT
THE SITE OF ITS ULTIMATE USE PRIOR TO THE TIME THAT THE
MERCHANDISE IS NEEDED BY THE BENEFICIARY. DELIVERY OF THE
MERCHANDISE IN THIS MANNER MAY PRECLUDE REFUND OF SALE
PROCEEDS THAT ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DELIVERED
MERCHANDISE."

The purchaser shall initial the statement at the time of entry into the pre-need contract.

- (b) Every pre-need sales contract must be in writing.7 and-no-pre-need-sales-contract-form-may-be-used-unless-it-has previously-been-filed-with-the-Comptroller.--The--Comptroller shall--review--all--pre-need--sales--contract-forms-and7-upon written-notification-to-the-seller7-shall-prohibit-the-use-of contract-forms-that-do-not-meet-the-requirements-of-this-Act. Any use or attempted use of any oral pre-need sales contract or any written pre-need sales contract in-a-form-not-filed with-the-Comptroller-or in a form that does not meet the requirements of this Act shall be deemed a violation of this Act and is voidable by the purchaser without penalty. The Comptroller may by rule develop a model pre-need sales contract form that meets the requirements of this Act.
- (c) To the extent the Rule is applicable, every pre-need sales contract is subject to the Federal Trade Commission Rule concerning the Cooling-Off Period for Door-to-Door Sales (16 CFR Part 429).
- 32 (d) No pre-need sales contract may be entered into in
 33 this State unless there is a provider for the cemetery
 34 merchandise, cemetery services, and undeveloped interment,

- 1 <u>inurnment</u>, and entombment spaces being sold. If the seller
- 2 is not the provider, then the seller must have a binding
- 3 agreement with a provider, and the identity of the provider
- 4 and the nature of the agreement between the seller and the
- 5 provider must be disclosed in the pre-need sales contract at
- 6 the time of sale and before the receipt of any sale proceeds.
- 7 The failure to disclose the identity of the provider, the
- 8 nature of the agreement between the seller and the provider,
- 9 or any changes thereto to the purchaser and beneficiary, or
- 10 the failure to make the disclosures required by this Section
- 11 <u>constitutes an intentional violation of this Act.</u>
- 12 (e) No pre-need contract may be entered into in this
- 13 State unless it is accompanied by a funding mechanism
- 14 permitted under this Act and unless the seller is licensed by
- the Comptroller as provided in this Act. Nothing in this Act
- 16 <u>is intended to relieve providers or sellers of pre-need</u>
- 17 <u>contracts from being licensed under any other Act required</u>
- 18 <u>for their profession or business or from being subject to the</u>
- 19 rules promulgated to regulate their profession or business,
- 20 <u>including rules on solicitation and advertisement.</u>
- 21 (f) No pre-need contract may be entered into in this
- 22 <u>State unless the seller explains to the purchaser the terms</u>
- of the pre-need contract prior to the purchaser's signing.
- 24 (q) The State Comptroller shall develop a booklet for
- 25 <u>consumers in plain English describing the scope, application,</u>
- 26 and consumer protections of this Act. After the booklet is
- 27 <u>developed, no pre-need contract may be sold in this State</u>
- 28 <u>unless the seller distributes to the purchaser prior to the</u>
- 29 <u>sale a booklet developed or approved for use by the State</u>
- 30 <u>Comptroller.</u>
- 31 (Source: P.A. 91-7, eff. 1-1-2000.)
- 32 (815 ILCS 390/16) (from Ch. 21, par. 216)
- 33 Sec. 16. Trust funds; disbursements.

- 1 (a) A trustee shall make no disbursements from the trust 2 fund except as provided in this Act.
- (b) A trustee shall, with respect to the investment of 3 4 such trust funds, exercise the judgment and care under the 5 circumstances then prevailing which persons of prudence, 6 discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of 7 their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in 8 regard to the permanent disposition of their 9 considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital. 10
- The seller shall act as trustee of all amounts received 11 for cemetery merchandise, services, or undeveloped spaces 12 until those amounts have been deposited into the trust fund. 13 The seller may continue to be the trustee of up to \$500,000 14 15 that has been deposited into the trust fund, but the seller 16 must retain an independent trustee for any amount of trust funds in excess of \$500,000. A seller holding trust funds in 17 excess of \$500,000 on-the-effective-date-of--this--amendatory 18 19 Act--of--1996--shall--have-36-months-to-retain-an-independent trustee-for-the-amounts-over-\$500,000;-any-other-seller must 20 21 retain an independent trustee for its trust funds in excess 22 of \$500,000 as soon as may be practical. The Comptroller 23 shall have the right to disqualify the trustee upon the same grounds as for refusing to grant or revoking a license 24 25 hereunder. Upon notice to the Comptroller, the seller may 26 change the trustee of the trust fund.
 - (c) The trustee may rely upon certifications and affidavits made to it under the provisions of this Act, and shall not be liable to any person for such reliance.

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30 (d) A trustee shall be allowed to withdraw from the 31 trust funds maintained pursuant to this Act, payable solely 32 from the income earned on such trust funds, a reasonable fee 33 for all usual and customary services for the operation of the 34 trust fund, including, but not limited to trustee fees,

- 1 investment advisor fees, allocation fees, annual audit fees
- 2 and other similar fees. The maximum amount allowed to be
- 3 withdrawn for these fees each year shall be the lesser of 3%
- 4 of the balance of the trust calculated on an annual basis or
- 5 the amount of annual income generated therefrom.
- 6 (e) The trust shall be a single-purpose trust fund. In
- 7 the event of the seller's bankruptcy, insolvency or
- 8 assignment for the benefit of creditors, or an adverse
- 9 judgment, the trust funds shall not be available to any
- 10 creditor as assets of the seller or to pay any expenses of
- 11 any bankruptcy or similar proceeding, but shall be
- 12 distributed to the purchasers or managed for their benefit by
- 13 the trustee holding the funds. Except in an action by the
- 14 Comptroller to revoke a license issued pursuant to this Act
- and for creation of a receivership as provided in this Act,
- 16 the trust shall not be subject to judgment, execution,
- 17 garnishment, attachment, or other seizure by process in
- 18 bankruptcy or otherwise, nor to sale, pledge, mortgage, or
- 19 other alienation, and shall not be assignable except as
- 20 approved by the Comptroller. The changes made by this
- 21 amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly are intended to
- 22 clarify existing law regarding the inability of licensees to
- 23 pledge the trust.
- 24 (f) Because it is not known at the time of deposit or at
- 25 the time that income is earned on the trust account to whom
- 26 the principal and the accumulated earnings will be
- 27 distributed, for purposes of determining the Illinois Income
- 28 Tax due on these trust funds, the principal and any accrued
- 29 earnings or losses relating to each individual account shall
- 30 be held in suspense until the final determination is made as
- 31 to whom the account shall be paid.
- 32 (Source: P.A. 91-7, eff. 6-1-99.)

1 Sec. 19. <u>Construction or development of spaces.</u>

2 The construction or development of undeveloped interment, entombment or inurnment spaces shall be commenced 3 4 that phase, section or sections of undeveloped ground or 5 section of lawn crypts, mausoleums, garden crypts, 6 columbariums or cemetery spaces in which sales are made 7 within 3 years of the date of the first such sale. seller shall give written notice to the Comptroller no later 8 9 than 30 days after the first sale. Such notice shall include a description of the project. Once commenced, construction 10 11 or development shall be pursued diligently to completion. The construction must be completed within 6 years of the 12 first sale. If construction or development is not commenced 13 or completed within the times specified herein, any purchaser 14 15 may surrender and cancel the contract and upon cancellation 16 shall be entitled to a refund of the actual amounts paid toward the purchase price plus interest attributable to such 17 amount earned while in trust; provided however that any delay 18 19 caused by strike, shortage of materials, civil disorder, natural disaster or any like occurrence beyond the control of 20 the seller shall extend the time of such commencement and 2.1 22 completion by the length of such delay.

(b) At any time within 12 months of a purchaser's entering into a pre-need contract for undeveloped interment, entombment or inurnment spaces, a purchaser may surrender and cancel his or her contract and upon cancellation shall be entitled to a refund of the actual amounts paid toward the purchase price plus interest attributable to such amount earned while in trust. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the cancellation and refund rights specified in this paragraph shall terminate as of the date the seller commences construction or development of the phase, section or sections of undeveloped spaces in which sales are made. After the rights of cancellation and refund specified herein have

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- 1 terminated, if a purchaser defaults in making payments under
- 2 the pre-need contract, the seller shall have the right to
- 3 cancel the contract and withdraw from the trust fund the
- 4 entire balance to the credit of the defaulting purchaser's
- 5 account as liquidated damages. In such event, the trustee
- 6 shall deliver said balance to the seller upon its
- 7 certification, and upon receiving said certification the
- 8 trustee may rely thereon and shall not be liable to anyone
- 9 for such reliance.
- 10 (c) During the construction or development of interment,
- 11 entombment or inurnment spaces, upon the sworn certification
- 12 by the seller and the contractor to the trustee, the trustee
- 13 shall disburse from the trust fund the amount equivalent to
- 14 the cost of performed labor or delivered materials as
- 15 certified. Said certification shall be substantially in the
- 16 following form:
- We, the undersigned, being respectively the Seller and
- 18 Contractor, do hereby certify that the Contractor has
- 19 performed labor or delivered materials or both to (address of
- 20 property), in connection with a contract to
- 21, and that as of this date the value of the labor
- 22 performed and materials delivered is \$......
- 23 We do further certify that in connection with such
- 24 contract there remains labor to be performed, and materials
- to be delivered, of the value of \$......
- This Certificate is signed (insert date).
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- 28 Seller Contractor
- 29 A person who executes and delivers a completion
- 30 certificate with actual knowledge of a falsity contained
- 31 therein shall be considered in violation of this Act and
- 32 subject to the penalties contained herein.
- 33 (d) Except as otherwise authorized by this Section,
- 34 every seller of undeveloped spaces shall provide facilities

1 for temporary interment, entombment or inurnment for 2 purchasers or beneficiaries of contracts who die prior to completion of the space. Such temporary facilities shall be 3 4 constructed of permanent materials, and, insofar as 5 practical, be landscaped and groomed to the extent customary 6 in the cemetery industry in that community. The heirs, 7 assigns, or personal representative of a purchaser or 8 beneficiary shall not be required to accept 9 underground interment spaces where the undeveloped space contracted for was an above ground entombment or inurnment 10 11 space. In the event that temporary facilities as described in this paragraph are not made available, upon the death of a 12 purchaser or beneficiary, the heirs, assigns, or personal 13 representative is entitled to a refund of the entire sales 14 15 price paid plus undistributed interest attributable to such 16 amount while in trust.

(e) If the seller delivers a completed space acceptable to the heirs, assigns or personal representative of a purchaser or beneficiary, other than the temporary facilities specified herein, in lieu of the undeveloped space purchased, the seller shall provide the trustee with a delivery certificate and all sums deposited under the pre-need sales contract, including the undistributed income, shall be paid to the seller.

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25 (f) Upon completion of the phase, section or sections of 26 the project as certified to the trustee by the seller and the contractor and delivery of the deed or certificate of 27 ownership to the completed interment, entombment, or 28 inurnment space to all of the purchasers entitled to receive 29 30 those ownership documents, the trust fund requirements set forth herein shall terminate and all funds held in the 31 32 preconstruction trust fund attributable to the completed phase, section or sections, including interest accrued 33 34 thereon, shall be returned to the seller.

- 1 (g) This Section shall not apply to the sale of
- 2 undeveloped spaces if there has been any such sale in the
- 3 same phase, section or sections of the project prior to the
- 4 effective date of this Act.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)
- 6 (815 ILCS 390/20) (from Ch. 21, par. 220)
- 7 Sec. 20. Records.
- 8 (a) Each licensee must keep accurate accounts, books and
- 9 records in this State at the principal place of business
- 10 <u>identified in the licensee's license application or as</u>
- 11 <u>otherwise approved by the Comptroller in writing</u> of all
- 12 transactions, copies of agreements, dates and amounts of
- 13 payments made or received, the names and addresses of the
- 14 contracting parties, the names and addresses of persons for
- 15 whose benefit funds are received, if known, and the names of
- 16 the trust depositories. <u>Additionally</u>, for a period not to
- 17 <u>exceed 6 months after the performance of all terms in a</u>
- 18 pre-need sales contract, the licensee shall maintain copies
- 19 of each pre-need contract at the licensee branch location
- where the contract was entered.
- 21 (b) Each licensee must maintain such records for a
- 22 period of 3 years after the licensee shall have fulfilled his
- 23 or her obligation under the pre-need contract or 3 years
- 24 after any stored merchandise shall have been provided to the
- 25 purchaser or beneficiary, whichever is later.
- 26 (c) Each licensee shall submit reports to the
- 27 Comptroller annually, under oath, on forms furnished by the
- 28 Comptroller. The annual report shall contain, but shall not
- 29 be limited to, the following:
- 30 (1) An accounting of the principal deposit and
- 31 additions of principal during the fiscal year.
- 32 (2) An accounting of any withdrawal of principal or
- earnings.

1 (3) An accounting at the end of each fiscal year, 2 of the total amount of principal and earnings held.

(d) The annual report shall be filed by the licensee

- with the Comptroller within 75 days after the end of the licensee's fiscal year. An extension of up to 60 days may be granted by the Comptroller, upon a showing of need by the licensee. Any other reports shall be in the form furnished or specified by the Comptroller. If a licensee fails to submit an annual report to the Comptroller within the time
- 10 specified in this Section, the Comptroller shall impose upon
- 11 the licensee a penalty of \$5\$ for each and every day the
- 12 licensee remains delinquent in submitting the annual report.
- 13 Each report shall be accompanied by a check or money order in
- 14 the amount of \$10 payable to: Comptroller, State of
- 15 Illinois.

- 16 (e) On and after the effective date of this amendatory
- 17 Act of the 91st General Assembly, a licensee may report all
- 18 required information concerning the sale of outer burial
- 19 containers on the licensee's annual report required to be
- 20 filed under this Act and shall not be required to report that
- 21 information under the Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act,
- as long as the information is reported under this Act.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 91-7, eff. 1-1-2000.)
- 24 (815 ILCS 390/22) (from Ch. 21, par. 222)
- Sec. 22. <u>Cemetery Consumer Protection Fund.</u>
- 26 (a) Every seller engaging in pre-need sales shall pay to
- 27 the Comptroller \$5 for each said contract entered into, to be
- 28 paid into a special income earning fund hereby created in the
- 29 State Treasury, known as the Cemetery Consumer Protection
- 30 Fund. The above said fees shall be remitted to the
- 31 Comptroller semi-annually within 30 days after the end of
- 32 June and December for all contracts that have been entered in
- 33 such 6 month period.

- 1 (b) All monies paid into the fund together with all
 2 accumulated undistributed income thereon shall be held as a
 3 special fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall be used
 4 solely for the purpose of providing restitution to consumers
 5 who have suffered pecuniary loss arising out of pre-need
 6 sales.
- 7 (c) The fund shall be applied only to restitution or 8 completion of the project or delivery of the merchandise or services, where such has been ordered by the Circuit Court in 9 a lawsuit brought under this Act by the Attorney General of 10 11 the State of Illinois on behalf of the Comptroller and in which it has been determined by the Court that the obligation 12 is non-collectible from the judgment debtor. 13 Restitution shall not exceed the amount of the sales price paid plus 14 15 interest at the statutory rate. The fund shall not be used 16 for the payment of any attorney or other fees.
- (d) Whenever restitution is paid by the fund, the fund shall be subrogated to the amount of such restitution, and the Comptroller shall request the Attorney General to engage in all reasonable post judgment collection steps to collect said restitution from the judgment debtor and reimburse the fund.

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- (e) The fund shall not be applied toward any restitution for losses in any lawsuit initiated by the Attorney General or Comptroller or with respect to any claim made on pre-need sales which occurred prior to the effective date of this Act.
- (f) The fund may not be allocated for any purpose other than that specified in this Act.
- (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the payment of restitution from the fund shall be a matter of grace and not of right and no purchaser shall have any vested rights in the fund as a beneficiary or otherwise. Prior to seeking restitution from the fund, a purchaser or beneficiary seeking payment of restitution shall apply for restitution on

- 1 <u>a form provided by the Comptroller. The form shall include</u>
- 2 any information the Comptroller may reasonably require in
- 3 <u>order for the Court to determine that restitution or</u>
- 4 <u>completion of the project or delivery of merchandise or</u>
- 5 <u>service is appropriate.</u>
- 6 (h) Annually, the status of the fund shall be reviewed
- 7 by the Comptroller, and if he determines that the fund
- 8 together with all accumulated income earned thereon, equals
- 9 or exceeds \$10,000,000 and that the total number of
- 10 outstanding claims filed against the fund is less than 10% of
- 11 the fund's current balance, then payments to the fund shall
- 12 be suspended until such time as the fund's balance drops
- below \$10,000,000 or the total number of outstanding claims
- 14 filed against the fund is more than 10% of the fund's current
- 15 balance, but on such suspension, the fund shall not be
- 16 considered inactive.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 84-239.)
- 18 (815 ILCS 390/27.1 new)
- 19 <u>Sec. 27.1. Sales; liability of purchaser for shortage.</u>
- 20 <u>In the event of a sale or transfer of all or substantially</u>
- 21 <u>all of the assets of the licensee, the sale or transfer of</u>
- 22 <u>the controlling interest of the corporate stock of the</u>
- 23 <u>licensee if the licensee is a corporation, the sale or</u>
- 24 <u>transfer of the controlling interest of the partnership if</u>
- 25 <u>the licensee is a partnership, or sale pursuant to</u>
- 26 <u>foreclosure proceedings</u>, the <u>purchaser</u> is liable for any
- 27 <u>shortages existing before or after the sale in the trust</u>
- funds required to be maintained in a trust under this Act and
- 29 <u>shall honor all pre-need contracts and trusts entered into by</u>
- 30 <u>the licensee. Any shortages existing in the trust funds</u>
- 31 <u>constitute a prior lien in favor of the trust for the total</u>
- 32 <u>value of the shortages, and notice of that lien must be</u>
- 33 provided in all sales instruments.

1	In the event of a sale or transfer of all or
2	substantially all of the assets of the licensee, the sale or
3	transfer of the controlling interest of the corporate stock
4	of the licensee if the licensee is a corporation, or the sale
5	or transfer of the controlling interest of the partnership if
6	the licensee is a partnership, the licensee shall, at least
7	21 days prior to the sale or transfer, notify the
8	Comptroller, in writing, of the pending date of sale or
9	transfer so as to permit the Comptroller to audit the books
10	and records of the licensee. The audit must be commenced
11	within 10 business days after the receipt of the notification
12	and completed within the 21-day notification period unless
13	the Comptroller notifies the licensee during that period that
14	there is a basis for determining a deficiency which will
15	require additional time to finalize. The sale or transfer
16	may not be completed by the licensee unless and until:
17	(i) the Comptroller has completed the audit of the
18	licensee's books and records;
19	(ii) any delinquency existing in the trust funds has
20	been paid by the licensee, or arrangements satisfactory
21	to the Comptroller have been made by the licensee on the
22	sale or transfer for the payment of any delinquency;
23	(iii) the Comptroller issues a license upon
24	application of the new owner, which license must be
25	applied for within 30 days after the anticipated date of
26	the sale or transfer, subject to the payment of any
27	delinquencies, if any, as stated in item (ii).
28	For purposes of this Section, a person, firm,
29	corporation, partnership, or institution that acquires the
30	licensee through a real estate foreclosure is subject to the
31	provisions of this Section.

32 Section 50. Severability. If any provision of this Act or 33 its application to any person or circumstance is held

- 1 invalid, the invalidity of that provision or application does
- 2 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that
- 3 can be given effect without the invalid provision or
- 4 application.
- 5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect
- 6 January 1, 2002.

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