

Senators

MN. Statue 149A.03 Duties of Commissioner item 11 empowers the Commissioner of Health to oversee the final disposition of dead human bodies.

As green and natural burials have and are happening in MN the trend suggests more families will seek these options.

House File 2605 authored by Rep. John Huot and Senate file 2674 authored by Sen. Jason Rarick asked for a Moratorium on opening new green burial cemeteries.

The Moratorium will give health dept. time to study.

Depth of Burial	36 inches 72 inches currently no standard
Density of Burials	Green Burial Council 2020 less than 500 per acre
Length of time un-embalmed bodies can be held	state standard is 72 hours
What inorganic substances need to be removed	pacemakers mercury fillings
Siting	soil type slope water body distance
Water quality	depth to ground water

Health Dept. study gives the leg. the science to upgrade Statues 306 public and 307 private cemeteries to protect MN natural resources.

Carlton County Zoning ordinance 27 is vague like most rural counties regarding cemeteries and relies on state oversight.

Thanks,

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