

Subject Requirements for green burials

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Overview

This bill establishes requirements for green burials and scattering of cremated remains in public and private cemeteries that allow these acts. A green burial is a burial method in which the body is not embalmed; a biodegradable casket or shroud is used; and no vault or outer container is used.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Green burial. Adds subd. 42 to § 149A.02. Defines green burial for chapter 149A (mortuary science and disposition of dead bodies).
2	Green burials in public cemeteries. Adds § 306.991. Defines the following terms for this section: drainage system, green burial, natural watercourse, ordinary high-water level, and water supply well. Requires a public cemetery governed by chapter 306 that allows green burials to comply with the following requirements regarding green burials: plot location requirements regarding setbacks from the property line, not being located in standing water or in locations that may have standing water or that may flood, and being located certain distances from water sources; and complying with certain burial depths and burial densities.
3	Scattering of cremated remains. Adds § 306.992. Provides a public cemetery governed by chapter 306 that allows the scattering of cremated remains must designate a location in the cemetery for the scattering of cremated remains.
4	Green burials in private cemeteries. Adds § 307.14. Defines the following terms for this section: drainage system, green burial, natural watercourse, ordinary high-water level, water supply well. Requires a person owning a private cemetery governed by chapter 307 that allows green burials to comply with the following requirements regarding green burials: plot location

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	requirements regarding setbacks from the property line, not being located in standing water or in locations that may have standing water or that may flood, and being located certain distances from water sources; and complying with certain burial depths and burial densities.
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5	Scattering of cremated remains.
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	Adds § 307.15. Provides a person who owns a cemetery governed by chapter 307 that allows the scattering of cremated remains must designate a location in the cemetery for the scattering of cremated remains.
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