



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5354

February Session, 2024



AN ACT CONCERNING TERRAMATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health shall convene a working group within the Department of Public
3 Health to examine existing permitting processes, regulations,
4 authorization forms and agency approval processes to determine any
5 requisite modifications to such permitting processes, regulations,
6 authorization forms and approval processes that would enable the
7 authorized utilization of natural organic reduction in this state for the
8 final disposition of human remains. For the purposes of this section,
9 "natural organic reduction" means the contained, accelerated
10 conversion of human remains to soil.

11 (b) Such working group shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of
12 Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, (2) a representative of
13 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, (3) a representative of the
14 Department of Public Health's Vital Records Office, (4) a representative
15 of the Department of Consumer Protection, (5) a representative of the
16 Department of Public Health's Environmental Engineering section, (6) a
17 representative of the Department of Public Health's Practitioner
18 Licensing program, (7) a representative of a registrar of vital statistics,
19 (8) two representatives of the funeral director and funeral service

20 business sector, and (9) any other representative as deemed necessary
21 by the Commissioner of Public Health.

22 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Public Health,
23 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
24 shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the General
25 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and
26 public health that contains any legislative recommendations for
27 statutory revisions or enactments to authorize the use of natural organic
28 reduction in this state for the final disposition of human remains.
29 Additionally, such report shall contain a proposed timeline for the
30 revision of any regulations of the Department of Public Health and any
31 other applicable state agency to authorize the utilization of natural
32 organic reduction in this state, including, but not limited to, any
33 regulations to provide for any requisite permitting processes,
34 authorization forms and approval processes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ENV Joint Favorable Subst.