

NORTH AMERICAN CEMETERY REGULATORS ASSOCIATION

REGULATORY STANDARDS REGARDING DEATH CARE INDUSTRY DEFINITIONS

I. INTRODUCTION.

The definitions presented in these regulatory standards have been prepared in the interest of encouraging uniformity, among the various states in the United States and the various provinces in Canada, in laws and regulations related to the death care industry.

II. DEFINITIONS.

Authorized person means a PERSON legally authorized to control the FINAL DISPOSITION of a deceased human being.

Casket means a rigid container, which may be ornamental and lined with fabric, which is designed for the encasement of HUMAN REMAINS and which is usually constructed of wood, metal or like material.

Cemetery means an area dedicated to and used or intended to be used for the FINAL DISPOSITION of HUMAN REMAINS or human CREMATED REMAINS.

Cremated remains means all HUMAN REMAINS recovered after completion of CREMATION and, if done, pulverization.

Cremation means the process of reducing HUMAN REMAINS to bone fragments through intense heat and evaporation, which may include any mechanical or thermal process.

Cremation container means the box, bag or other container used and consumed in the cremation chamber for a CREMATION, in which the HUMAN REMAINS are placed.

Crematory authority means a legal entity that is licensed to operate as a crematory and perform CREMATIONS.

Final disposition means the lawful disposition of HUMAN REMAINS or human CREMATED REMAINS, including, but not limited to, INTERMENT and scattering of human CREMATED REMAINS or, unless the family desires the remains returned from the medical institution, delivery of HUMAN REMAINS to a medical institution. Final disposition does not include the act of CREMATION.

Human remains means the body of a deceased person, or part of a body or limb that has been removed from a living person, including the body, part of body or limb in any stage of decomposition.

Person means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association, trustee, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or other entity, or combinations thereof.

Scattering service means a PERSON in the business of scattering human CREMATED REMAINS outside of a cemetery.

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