



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6344

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES
FLAGS ON VETERANS' GRAVES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The selectmen of towns, cemetery associations or ecclesiastical
4 societies, having the care of cemeteries, may (1) enact bylaws
5 providing for the care and management of all burial lots, and the
6 protection of all shrubs, trees, fences and monuments thereon,
7 provided no such bylaws shall (A) require or result in the removal or
8 banishing of any undamaged United States flag or armed forces
9 service marker, including flagholders provided by veterans
10 organizations, from any grave site, or (B) restrict the placement of flags
11 on the graves of veterans from the seventh day before Memorial Day
12 and Veterans' Day in each year until the fourteenth day after each said
13 holiday, and [may] (2) appoint superintendents and sextons for such
14 cemeteries. [, who] Such superintendents and sextons shall have the
15 exclusive right to direct the opening of graves, and no grave shall be
16 opened in any cemetery except with the consent of the superintendent
17 or sexton. Any person to whom such bylaws have been made known
18 who violates the same shall be fined not more than ten dollars. The
19 incorporators, organizers or members of any cemetery association or, if

