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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CUSTODY OF REMAINS OF
DECEASED PERSONS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 19a-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 The selectmen of towns, cemetery associations or ecclesiastical
6 societies, having the care of cemeteries, may (1) enact bylaws
7 providing for the care and management of all burial lots, and the
8 protection of all shrubs, trees, fences and monuments thereon,
9 provided no such bylaws shall (A) require [or result in] the removal [or
10 banishing] of, or prohibit the placement of, any undamaged United
11 States flag or armed forces service marker, including flagholders
12 provided by veterans organizations, from any grave site, or (B) restrict
13 the placement of flags on the graves of veterans from the seventh day
14 before Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in each year until the
15 fourteenth day after each said holiday, and [may] (2) appoint
16 superintendents and sextons for such cemeteries. [, who] Such

17 superintendents and sextons shall have the exclusive right to direct the
18 opening of graves, and no grave shall be opened in any cemetery
19 except with the consent of the superintendent or sexton. Any person to
20 whom such bylaws have been made known who violates the same
21 shall be fined not more than ten dollars. The incorporators, organizers
22 or members of any cemetery association or, if no incorporators,
23 organizers or members are living, the owners of burial lots therein, by
24 a majority vote, may, at any meeting called for that purpose, amend its
25 articles of association or its bylaws."