



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
SEN. GUNTHER, 21<sup>st</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5799      File No. 429      Cal. No. 545

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED  
CREMATED REMAINS BY FUNERAL DIRECTORS."**

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

3      "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 45a-318 of the general statutes is  
4      repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
5      *October 1, 2005*):

6      (a) Any person eighteen years of age or older may execute in  
7      advance of such person's death a cremation authorization on a form  
8      authorized by the Department of Public Health for the incineration or  
9      cremation of such person's body upon the death of such person. Any  
10     such document shall be signed and dated by the maker, and attested in  
11     writing by two witnesses that the maker was of sound mind and  
12     capacity at the time of execution of the authorization. The maker shall  
13     include on the form authorized by the Department of Public Health the  
14     name, residence address and residence telephone number for the  
15     spouse or if there is no surviving spouse, then the next of kin or

16 designated person, duly acknowledged in writing, who shall be  
17 notified within the forty-eight-hour waiting period prior to a  
18 cremation upon the death of such person. If the spouse, next of kin or  
19 designated person is unavailable at the time of death of such person,  
20 the funeral director shall refer this matter to the Court of Probate for  
21 the district of the domicile or residence of the deceased to grant  
22 custody and control to some suitable person. Upon the development of  
23 a multistate model cremation authorization form, the Department of  
24 Public Health shall designate such form as the only such form  
25 authorized for use in this state."