



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6060

House of Representatives, April 30, 2007

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING DISRUPTION OF A FUNERAL.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section:

3 (1) "Funeral" means any ceremony or memorial service held in
4 connection with the burial or cremation of an individual; and

5 (2) "Boundary of the location", with respect to a funeral, means (A)
6 in the case of a funeral that is held at a cemetery, the property line of
7 the cemetery; (B) in the case of a funeral that is held at a mortuary, the
8 property line of the mortuary; (C) in the case of a funeral that is held at
9 a house of worship, the property line of the house of worship; and (D)
10 in the case of a funeral that is held at any other type of location, the
11 reasonable property line of that location.

12 (b) With respect to any funeral, no individual may engage in an
13 activity during the period beginning sixty minutes before and ending

14 sixty minutes after such funeral, any part of which activity:

15 (1) (A) Takes place within the boundaries of the location of such
16 funeral or takes place within one hundred fifty feet of the point of the
17 intersection between (i) the boundary of the location of such funeral;
18 and (ii) a road, pathway, or other route of ingress to or egress from the
19 location of such funeral; and (B) includes the individual wilfully
20 making or assisting in the making of any noise or diversion that is not
21 part of such funeral and that disturbs or tends to disturb the peace or
22 good order of such funeral with the intent of disturbing the peace or
23 good order of that funeral; or

24 (2) (A) Is within five hundred feet of the boundary of the location of
25 such funeral; and (B) includes the individual wilfully and without
26 proper authorization impeding the ingress to or egress from such
27 location with the intent to impede the ingress to or egress from such
28 location.

29 (c) Any individual who violates any provision of this section shall
30 be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Judicial Department (Probation); Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Any revenue from criminal fines imposed under the bill or marginal cost for incarceration and/or probation supervision in the community as a result of the bill would be minimal.

The Out Years

The annualized cost identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. Potential revenues would remain constant into the future since they are set by statute.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6060*****AN ACT CONCERNING DISRUPTION OF A FUNERAL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits certain activities at certain locations from 60 minutes before to 60 minutes after a funeral, which is defined as a ceremony or memorial service connected to burying or cremating an individual. It punishes someone who:

1. (a) willfully makes or assists in making a noise or diversion that is not part of the funeral, (b) intends to disturb the peace or good order of the funeral and actually does so, and (c) is within the "boundary of the location" of the funeral or within 150 feet of the intersection of the boundary and a road, pathway, or other entrance or exit from the location; or
2. (a) is within 500 feet of the boundary and (b) intentionally, willfully, and without authorization impedes the entrance or exit from the location.

The "boundary of the location" is the property line of a cemetery, mortuary, or house of worship or the reasonable property line of another location used for the funeral.

The bill makes this conduct a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 37 Nay 0 (04/11/2007)