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Act No. 169 (H.244). Health; disposition of human remains

An act relating to authorizing the natural organic reduction of human remains

This act authorizes the use of natural organic reduction (NOR) for the disposition of human remains in Vermont. It defines NOR as “the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil.” With few exceptions, this act creates parity between the rights and responsibilities of NOR operators and operators of crematory establishments.

This act uses the term “disposition facility” to refer to facilities providing either NOR services or crematory services, or both. As a result, the Office of Professional Regulation will license these facilities under the same license type, and the same licensure fees are applicable to facilities and personnel offering either NOR services or crematory services, or both.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on January 1, 2023