

**OCCUPATIONAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 299 of 1980**

**339.1809b Determination of unclaimed cremated remains as veteran; disposition; immunity from liability.**

Sec. 1809b.

(1) A person licensed in the practice of mortuary science may compile a list of names of the unclaimed cremated remains held in his or her possession for 6 months or more for the purposes of determining whether 1 or more of the deceased is a veteran of the United States armed services.

(2) The funeral director may release the list of names to any federally chartered veterans service organization to confirm with the national cemetery administration's central scheduling office in St. Louis, Missouri, whether the deceased is eligible for proper disposition at a veterans cemetery. The veterans service organization shall report to the funeral director regarding the names of the confirmed veterans or spouses of veterans.

(3) If the unclaimed cremated remains are determined to be eligible for proper disposition at a veterans cemetery, the funeral director shall send written notice of intent to make a proper disposition of the unclaimed remains as described under section 1809a(1). If the unclaimed cremated remains of a confirmed veteran are not claimed by the persons to whom the notice was sent, the funeral director may arrange for the proper disposition of the remains with a state or national veterans cemetery.

(4) A funeral director complying with this section is immune from criminal or civil liability arising from compliance with this section.

**History:** Add. 2009, Act 148, Eff. May 20, 2010

**Compiler's Notes:** This section, as added by Act 148 of 2009, was effective July 1, 2010. Acts 76 and 78 of 2010 amended Act 148 of 2009 by revising the effective date. This section then became effective May 20, 2010.

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