

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 43 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, DUSH AND STEFANO, JANUARY 12, 2023

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JANUARY 12, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 8, 1891 (P.L.212, No.184), entitled "An
 2 act in relation to cremation of human bodies in this
 3 Commonwealth," providing for cremation temperature.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The act of June 8, 1891 (P.L.212, No.184),
 7 entitled "An act in relation to cremation of human bodies in
 8 this Commonwealth," is amended by adding a section to read:

9 Section 2.1. Gases generated by the combustion in a
 10 crematory incinerator shall be subject to a minimum temperature
 11 of one thousand six hundred degrees Fahrenheit for a period of
 12 not less than one second. The Department of Environmental
 13 Protection may not require a cremation to occur at a temperature
 14 greater than the temperature set forth in this section. The
 15 temperature at which a crematory incinerator is operated shall
 16 be monitored. Monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with
 17 regulations promulgated by the Department of Environmental
 18 Protection. This section only applies to a crematory incinerator
 19 for which construction commenced after April 17, 1989.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.