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TO: All members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Rep. Thomas R. Caltagirone

RE: Introduction of Legislation – Creating a State Board of Cemetery Relief Directors

I will soon be introducing legislation under Title 9 that would create a Board of Cemetery Relief Directors to approve plans for, and disburse funds to, cemeteries that have become financially unviable to maintain their grounds.

In these tough economic times, the interest and dividend yields available to cemeteries to earn with their investments have fallen precipitously. This has led many to become financially insolvent, and become unable to pay their bills. My legislation would create a five member Board to review applications for financial assistance from a dedicated fund to remedy these situations. The Board members would serve without compensation, other than expenses, and meet on a monthly schedule.

The revenue for disbursement to cemeteries would come from a \$2 surcharge on all fee-paid birth and death certificates. All fee-exempt certificates would also *not* carry the surcharge.

If you wish to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Patty Tamayo in my office at 787-3525, or e-mail at [ptamayo@pahouse.net](mailto:ptamayo@pahouse.net).