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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Providing for crematory regulation.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Crematory  
6 Regulation Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Crematory incinerator." A furnace or apparatus for burning  
12 animal or human remains to bone fragments.

13 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of  
14 the Commonwealth.

15 Section 3. Work practice standards.

16 Crematories for which construction commenced after April 17,  
17 1989, shall comply with the following work practice standards:

18 (1) The crematory incinerator shall provide an interlock

1 system that precludes charging of the primary chamber until  
2 the secondary or last chamber exit temperature is established  
3 and holding at 1600 degrees Fahrenheit.

4 (2) Operators may open the charge door during the  
5 cremation cycle for short periods of time to inspect or  
6 reposition the remains.

7 (3) The department shall not require in a general plan  
8 approval or a general permit for operation of a crematory  
9 incinerator a temperature greater than 1600 degrees  
10 Fahrenheit.

11 Section 4. Monitoring requirements.

12 (a) Requirements.--The temperature at which a crematory  
13 incinerator is operated shall be monitored.

14 (b) Standards.--Monitoring shall be conducted in accordance  
15 with regulations adopted by the department.

16 Section 5. Applicability.

17 This act applies to a crematory incinerator for which  
18 construction commenced after April 17, 1989.

19 Section 6. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.