

HB0723



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/6/2007, by Rep. Patrick J Verschoore

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3440/14

from Ch. 127, par. 2674

Amends the Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act to authorize the Historic Preservation Agency and Illinois State Museum to release human skeletal remains and artifacts to a unit of local government for reburial under specified conditions. Requires the unit of local government to pay for transportation and reinterment.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act is
5 amended by changing Section 14 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3440/14) (from Ch. 127, par. 2674)

7 Sec. 14. All human skeletal remains and grave artifacts in
8 unregistered graves are held in trust for the people of
9 Illinois by the State and are under the jurisdiction of the
10 Historic Preservation Agency. All materials collected under
11 this Act shall be maintained, with dignity and respect, for the
12 people of the State under the care of the Illinois State
13 Museum.

14 Nothing in this Act shall prevent the Agency or the Museum
15 from releasing remains when petitioned to do so by a unit of
16 local government requesting reinterment in a cemetery located
17 within the unit of local government's boundaries of the remains
18 after the Agency or Museum has determined the remains are
19 non-indigenous to the place of discovery and of no intrinsic
20 value to warrant further study or archival preservation by
21 either the Agency or the Museum using the methods and
22 technology available at the date of the requested release. All
23 expenses to provide transportation and reinterment at the site

1 of final disposition shall be borne by the petitioning unit of
2 local government and not the Agency, Museum, or the State of
3 Illinois. Release is for burial only, with the remains being
4 placed for interment in a recoverable container, and
5 jurisdiction of the human remains continues to reside with the
6 Agency or the Museum after reinterment. Disinterment of the
7 remains once interred in a cemetery is governed by Illinois law
8 and requires the consent of the Agency or the Museum, as
9 applicable.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-151.)