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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 592** HLS 15RS 999
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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CEMETERY/BOARD EG INCREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to regulatory rates for certain cemetery board matters

Purpose of the Bill: Provides for regulation of cemetery authorities by the Louisiana Cemetery Board including making various changes to regulatory rates, application requirements, and fees applicable to cemetery authorities.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may result in an increase in agency self-generated expenditures for the Louisiana Cemetery Board, starting in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (between \$50,000 and \$100,000 per year).

The bill may result in an increase in Board expenditures due to increased or expanded audit and certification activity. The Board has historically based its budget on an average of the prior three year collections activity. For purposes of this bill, the Board is reflecting that expenditures will not increase above the anticipated collections.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may result in an increase in agency self-generated revenues for the Louisiana Cemetery Board, starting in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (between \$50,000 and \$100,000 depending on the year of assessment).

The bill is anticipated to result in a revenue increase, however, annual revenues will fluctuate from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year because: a) certain fees fluctuate due to rate assessments varying between initial and renewal certifications, b) certain fees are due once every three years, and c) the number of applicable entities to which the fees apply may change. The following is a summary of the number of entities anticipated to be impacted by the various statutory changes: R.S. 8:73 (515) non-exempt cemeteries per year; R.S. 8:78 (1,000) Exempt cemeteries currently holding an exempt certificate of authority once every three years and approximately (15-30) new exempt cemetery applicants per year; R.S. 8:403 (15) Cemetery Sales and Management Organizations annually; R.S. 8:461 (115) cemeteries with perpetual care trust funds once every three years; R.S. 8:466 (115) cemeteries with perpetual care trust funds annually; R.S. 8:506 (45) cemeteries or entities having Merchandise Trust Funds - once every three years; R.S. 8:70 (18-20) cemeteries per year with annual application fee (subject to exemptions); and R.S. 8:606 and 8:705.1 (18-20) cemeteries per year related to mausoleum and similar structures and undeveloped land.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | |

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