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<u>Existing law</u> allows for the entering into of merchandise trust funds for the sale of personal property or services to be used in a cemetery in connection with the disposing of or commemorating the memory of a deceased person and provides for the regulation of such merchandise trust funds.

<u>Existing law</u> further allows for withdrawals from merchandise trust funds upon certification by the cemetery authority or other entity of the delivery of the property or performance of the service. <u>Prior law</u> provided that in the case of death prior to such certification, withdrawals can be made upon submission of a certified copy of a death certificate.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> except instead of requiring submission of a certified copy of a death certificate as in <u>prior law</u>, withdrawals can be made upon submission of documentation required by rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 8:503(A))