
DIGEST

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HB No. 448

Abstract: Authorizes the La. Cemetery Board to impose fines for certain violations.

Present law provides for the La. Cemetery Board. Present law provides that the board shall enforce and administer the provisions of present law, Title 8 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the board to refuse to grant, revoke, or suspend a certificate of authority for violations of present law. Further authorizes the board to impose fines upon certificate holders in lieu of suspension or revocation.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law authorizes the board to impose fines upon a natural or juridical person for violation of present law. Proposed law provides that the fine shall not exceed \$1,000 for each nonwillful violation. Proposed law provides that the fine shall not exceed \$10,000 for each willful violation. The fine shall also include the cost of the court reporter and the attorney fees of the board.

Present law authorizes the board to grant not more than 30 days from the date of the order for the payment of the fine. Further authorizes the board to apply to the appropriate district court to seek additional orders that may be necessary to protect the health, welfare, or safety of the public.

Proposed law retains present law.

Provides that the provisions of the Act are to be applied retroactively as well as prospectively.

(Amends R.S. 8:75(C) and (D); Adds R.S. 8:75(E))