Ritchie (HB 448) Act No. 67

Existing law provides for the La. Cemetery Board (board) and requires the board to enforce and administer the provisions of existing law, Title 8 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950.

<u>Existing law</u> authorizes the board to refuse to grant, revoke, or suspend a certificate of authority for violations of <u>existing law</u>. Further authorizes the board to impose fines upon certificate holders in lieu of suspension or revocation.

<u>New law</u> authorizes the board to impose fines upon a natural or juridical person for a violation of <u>existing law</u>. <u>New law</u> provides that an imposed fine is not to exceed \$1,000 for each non-willful violation. <u>New law</u> provides that an imposed fine is not to exceed \$10,000 for each willful violation. The fine includes the cost of the court reporter and the attorney fees of the board.

<u>Existing law</u> authorizes the board to grant not more than 30 days from the date of the order for the payment of any 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.

Effective Aug. 1, 2014.

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