

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment and use of a columbarium on the  
3 campuses of certain institutions of higher education.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 711.008(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to:

8 (1) a cemetery heretofore established and operating;

9 (2) the establishment and use of a columbarium by an  
10 organized religious society or sect that is exempt from income  
11 taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by  
12 being listed under Section 501(c)(3) of that code, as part of or  
13 attached to the principal church building owned by the society or  
14 sect; ~~or~~

15 (3) the establishment and use of a columbarium:

16 (A) in a municipality with a population of at  
17 least 1.8 million; and

18 (B) by an organized religious society or sect,  
19 that is exempt from income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal  
20 Revenue Code of 1986, by being listed under Section 501(c)(3) of  
21 that code, on land that:

22 (i) is owned by the society or sect; and

23 (ii) is part of the campus on which an  
24 existing principal church building is located; or

1           (4) the establishment and use of a columbarium on the  
2 campus of a private or independent institution of higher education,  
3 as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, that is wholly or  
4 substantially controlled, managed, owned, or supported by or  
5 otherwise affiliated with an organized religious society or sect  
6 that is exempt from income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal  
7 Revenue Code of 1986, by being listed under Section 501(c)(3) of  
8 that code, if a place of worship is located on the campus.

9           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1614 was passed by the House on May 8, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1614 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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