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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, DeBolt, Miloscia, McDonald, Stensen and Santos)

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1 AN ACT Relating to abandoned cemeteries; amending RCW 68.24.090 and
2 68.60.020; and adding a new section to chapter 65.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 65.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The auditor or recording officer shall show a condition on the
7 title of any property recorded that is dedicated as a cemetery pursuant
8 to RCW 68.60.020 stating that property dedication.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 68.24.090 and 1987 c 331 s 34 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 Property dedicated to cemetery purposes shall be held and used
12 exclusively for cemetery purposes, unless and until the dedication is
13 removed from all or any part of it by an order and decree of the
14 superior court of the county in which the property is situated, in a
15 proceeding brought by the cemetery authority for that purpose and upon
16 notice of hearing and proof satisfactory to the court:

1 (1) That no interments were made in or that all interments have
2 been removed from that portion of the property from which dedication is
3 sought to be removed.

4 (2) That the portion of the property from which dedication is
5 sought to be removed is not being used for interment of human remains.

6 (3) That notice of the proposed removal of dedication has been
7 given the (a) cemetery board, (b) the office of archaeology and
8 historic preservation, and (c) the county auditor of the county in
9 which the property is located in writing at least sixty days before
10 filing the proceedings in superior court.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 68.60.020 and 1990 c 92 s 2 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Any cemetery, abandoned cemetery, historical cemetery, or historic
14 grave that has not been dedicated pursuant to RCW 68.24.030 and
15 68.24.040 shall be considered permanently dedicated and subject to RCW
16 68.24.070. Removal of dedication may only be made pursuant to RCW
17 68.24.090 and 68.24.100.

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