

## **566A.12 Administration.**

1. *Cemetery registry.* The commissioner shall establish and maintain a public registry of perpetual care cemeteries.

2. *Investigations and audits.* The commissioner or the attorney general, for the purpose of discovering violations of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, may do any of the following:

a. Audit any cemetery, for cause or on a random basis, to determine compliance with this chapter. A cemetery shall make available to the commissioner or attorney general the cemetery's deed registry and those books, accounts, records, and files related to the sale of interment rights. Notwithstanding chapter 22, all business records and files acquired by the commissioner or attorney general pursuant to an audit under this subsection are confidential and shall not be made available for inspection or copying unless ordered by a court for good cause shown. If it is determined pursuant to an audit that a material violation of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter has occurred, the cost of the audit may be assessed to the cemetery.

b. Administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, receive evidence, and require the production of documents and records in connection with an investigation or proceeding being conducted pursuant to this chapter.

c. Apply to the district court for issuance of an order requiring a person's appearance before the commissioner or attorney general, or a designee of either or both, where the person has refused to obey a subpoena issued by the commissioner or attorney general. The person may also be required to produce documentary evidence germane to the subject of the investigation. Failure to obey a court order under this subsection constitutes contempt of court.

3. *Cease and desist orders.* If an audit or investigation provides reasonable evidence that a person has violated this chapter, or any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, the commissioner may issue an order directed at the person to cease and desist from engaging in such act or practice.

4. *Receiverships.*

a. The commissioner shall notify the attorney general if the commissioner finds that a perpetual care cemetery subject to regulation under this chapter meets one or more of the following grounds for the establishment of a receivership:

(1) Is insolvent.

(2) Has utilized trust funds for personal or business purposes in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of this chapter, and the amount of funds currently held in the trust is less than the amount required by this chapter.

b. The commissioner or the attorney general may apply to the district court in any county of the state for a receivership. Upon proof of any of the grounds for a receivership described in this section the court may grant a receivership.

5. *Injunctions.* The commissioner or the attorney general may apply to the district court for an injunction to restrain any cemetery subject to this chapter and any agents, employees, trustees, or associates of the cemetery from engaging in conduct or practices deemed a violation of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. Upon proof of any violation of this chapter described in the petition for injunction, the court may grant the injunction. The commissioner or the attorney general shall not be required to post a bond. Failure to obey a court order under this subsection constitutes contempt of court.

90 Acts, ch 1213, §31; 95 Acts, ch 149, §37; 98 Acts, ch 1189, §29, 30