

566A.1A Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Agent*" means a person authorized by a cemetery or a cemetery operator to represent the cemetery in dealing with the public.
2. "*Cemetery*" means a cemetery, mausoleum, columbarium, or other space held for the purpose of burial, entombment, or inurnment of human remains and where such space is offered for sale to the public.
3. "*Cemetery operator*" means a person who owns, controls, operates, or manages a cemetery, who is responsible for the cemetery's care and maintenance, and who controls the opening and closing of all graves, crypts, and niches.
4. "*Columbarium*" means a structure or room or other space in a building or structure used or intended to be used for the inurnment or deposit of cremated human remains.
5. "*Commissioner*" means the commissioner of insurance or the deputy appointed under section 502.601.
6. "*Deed*" means the assignment or conveyance of interment rights.
7. "*Grave*" means a piece of land that is used or intended to be used for the underground burial of human remains, other than an underground mausoleum or columbarium space.
8. "*Human remains*" means the body of a deceased individual that is in any stage of decomposition or has been cremated.
9. "*Interment*" means the disposition of human remains by earth burial, entombment, or inurnment.
10. "*Interment rights*" means a right of use conveyed by contract or property ownership to inter human remains in a columbarium, grave, mausoleum, lawn crypt, or undeveloped space.
11. "*Lawn crypt*" means an outer enclosure, for a casket or similar inner burial container which is permanently installed below ground prior to the time of actual interment. A lawn crypt may permit single or multiple interments in a grave space.
12. "*Mausoleum*" means a building, structure, or part of a building or structure that is used or intended to be used for the entombment of human remains.
13. "*Mausoleum space*" means a niche, crypt, or specific place in a mausoleum that contains or is intended to contain human remains.
14. "*Niche*" means a recess in the wall of a mausoleum or columbarium for the deposit of human remains.
15. "*Perpetual care*" means maintenance, repair, and care of all interment spaces, features, buildings, roadways, parking lots, water supply, and other existing cemetery structures subject to the provisions of section 566A.3 and includes the general overhead expenses needed to accomplish such maintenance, repair, and care.
16. "*Perpetual care cemetery*" means a cemetery which has established a perpetual care fund for the maintenance, repair, and care of all interment spaces subject to perpetual care within the cemetery in compliance with section 566A.3.

17. "*Religious cemetery*" means a cemetery that is owned, operated, or controlled by a recognized church, religious society, association, or denomination.

18. "*Sale*" means a transfer for consideration of any interest in ownership, title, or right of use.

19. "*Undeveloped space*" means a mausoleum, columbarium space, or lawn crypt that is not ready for the burial of human remains on the date of the sale of the space.

95 Acts, ch 149, §30