New Legislation on For-Profit Cemeteries

Senator-elect Trey Paradee introduced House Bill 476 in response to several complaints on cemeteries and it was signed by Gov. John Carney on August 28, 2018, making it effective immediately. The legislation gives each county the authority to create cemetery regulations governing for-profit cemeteries and impose penalties if regulations are not followed. The legislation can be found in 9 Del. C., c. 10.

Distressed Cemetery Funds Available

The Delaware Cemetery Board administers the Distressed Cemetery Fund for cemeteries that are distressed in accordance with 16 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7902A (6) and whose owners lack the financial resources to maintain them. The Board encourages those owning or managing distressed cemeteries to apply for funds. The cemetery must be registered before an application is accepted.

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Repairs to a large public mausoleum at Riverview Cemetery, at 3300 N. Market St. in Wilmington. Photo by Mary King.

Tree removal and trimming at Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery at 701 Delaware Ave. in Wilmington. Photos by volunteer.

Tombstone repairs in Lombardy Cemetery at 1611 Concord Pike in Wilmington. Photos by Louis Glick.